

My faith, it is an oaken staff

Staff of Faith
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Swiss Traditional Melody

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-5. The piece is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Measure 5 is marked with a '5' above the staff.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 6-10. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. Measure 10 is marked with a '10' above the staff.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 11-15. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. Measure 15 is marked with a '15' above the staff.

**My faith, it is an oaken staff,
The traveler's well loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade,
I'll travel on, and still be stirred,
By silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred,
A soldier pilgrim staid.**

**I have a Captain, and the heart
Of every private man
Has drunk in valour from His eyes
Since first the war began:
He is most merciful in fight,
And of His scars a single sight
The embers of our failing might
Into a flame can fan.**

**I have a Guide, and in His steps
When travelers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.**

**My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen!
Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart,
O make me what Thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.**

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