


Saint Patrick's Breastplate

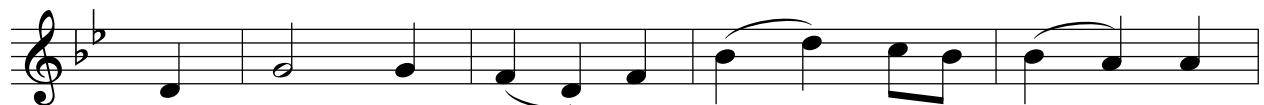
also known as "The Lorica" or "The Cry of the Deer"

SAINT PATRICK D.L.M.
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1901


Ascribed to St. Patrick, 372-466
translated by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889



1. I bind un - to — my - self — to - day — the strong — Name
of — the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the
same, — the — Three in — One — and One in Three.



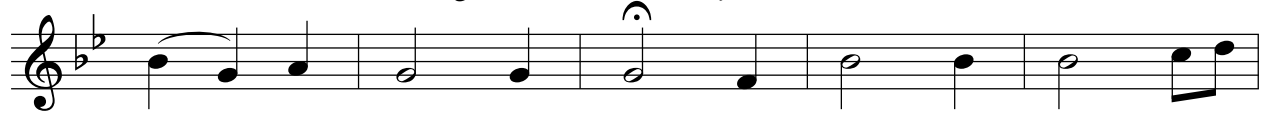
2. I bind this day — to me — for - ev - er, by
3. I bind un - to — my - self — the pow - er of
4. I bind un - to — my - self — to - day — the
5. I bind un - to — my - self — to - day — the



power — of faith, — Christ's in - car - nation; His bap - - -
the — great love — of Cher - u - bim; the sweet — "Well —
vir - tues of — the star - lit heaven, the glor - ious —
power — of God — to hold and lead, his eye — to —



tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er; His — death on the
done" — in judg - ment hour; — the ser - vice —
sun's — life - giv - ing ray, — the white - ness —
watch, — his might to stay, — his ear to —



cross — for my sal - vation; His burst - ing from the —
of — the Ser - a - phim, Con - fes - sors' faith, A -
of — the moon at even, the flash - ing of the —
hear - ken to my need. The wis - dom of my —



2. spic - éd tomb; His rid - ing up — the heaven - ly
 3. pos - tles' word, the Pa - triarchs' prayers, — the Pro - phets'
 4. light - ning free, the whirl - ing wind's — tem - pes - tuous
 5. God to teach, his hand to guide, — his shield to



way; His com - ing — on — the day of
 scrolls; all good — deeds — done — un - to the
 shocks, the sta - ble — earth, — the deep salt
 ward; the Word — of — God — to give me



doom; — I — bind un - to — my - self to - day.
 Lord, — and — pur - i - ty — of sim - ple souls.
 sea, — a - round the — old — e - ter - nal rocks.
 speech, — his — heaven - ly — host — to be my guard.



9. I bind un - to — my - self — the — Name, — the strong — Name



of — the Trin - i - ty; by in - vo - ca - tion of the same: — The —



Three in — One, — and One in Three, of whom all na - ture — has cre -



a - tion: E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word, praise to — the —



Lord — of my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion — is — of Christ the Lord.