

# Saint Patrick's Breastplate

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

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Part II

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

6. Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ behind me, Christ be - fore me,

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,

Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

*7. Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force, the natural lusts that war within, the hostile ones that mar my course; or few or many, far or nigh, in every place, and in all hours, against their fierce hostility, I bind to me these holy powers.*

*8. Against all Satan's spells and wiles, against false words of heresy, against the knowledge that defiles, against the heart's idolatry, against the wizard's evil craft, against the death wound and the burning, the choking wave and poisoned shaft, protect me, Christ, till thy returning.*