

Gird Thy Loins Up Christian Soldier

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A dear sister called me this morning to share the following hymn with me. She said she had it on her mind for at least two weeks, and wanted to share it with me knowing the constant warfare ministers face. I was very much encouraged by the sweet words of this hymn.

The hymn is called "Gird thy Loins Up." The time is 8s and 7s, so it can be sung to tunes like "Ripley" (e.g. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken) or "Australian Hymn." The hymn is 638 in Cayce's *Good Old Songs* and 78 in *Old School Hymnal #12*.

Enjoy and be encouraged!

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Joseph Hart

#638, The Good Old Songs

1 Gird thy loins up, Christian soldier;
Lo! thy Captain calls thee out;
Let the danger make thee bolder;
War in weakness, dare in doubt.
Buckle on thy heavenly armour;
Patch up no inglorious peace;
Let thy courage wax the warmer,
As thy foes and fears increase.

2 Bind thy golden girdle round thee,
Truth to keep thee firm and tight;
Never shall the foe confound thee,
While the truth maintains thy fight.
Righteousness within thee rooted
May appear to take thy part;
But let righteousness imputed
Be the breastplate of thy heart.

3 Shod with gospel-preparation,
In the paths of promise tread;
Let the hope of free salvation,
As a helmet, guard thy head.
When beset with various evils,
Wield the Spirit's two-edged sword,

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Cut thy way through hosts of devils,
While they fall before the Word.

4 But when dangers closer threaten,
And thy soul draws near to death;
When assaulted sore by Satan,
Then object the shield of faith;
Fiery darts of fierce temptations,
Intercepted by thy God,
There shall lose their force in patience,
Sheathed in love, and quenched in blood.

5 Though to speak thou be not able,
Always pray and never rest;
Prayer's a weapon for the feeble;
Weakest souls can wield it best.
Ever on thy Captain calling,
Make thy worst condition known;
He shall hold thee up when falling,
Or shall lift thee up when down.