

ST. PATRICK'S LORICA

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1. I bind un - to my - self to - day, The strong name of the Tri - ni - ty; By
2. I bind this day to me for - ev'r, By power of faith in car - nate Word, His
3. His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His

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1. in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the three in one and one in three.
2. bap - ti - sm in Jor - dan riv'r, His death on cross and blood out - poured.
3. com - ing at the day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.

4. I bind unto myself the pow'r,
Of the great love of cherubim;
The sweet well done in judgement hour,
The service of the seraphim.

5. Confessors' faith, apostles' word,
Patriarchs' prayers and prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

6. I bind unto myself today,
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even.

7. The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth and deep salt sea
Around the old eternal rocks.

8. I bind unto myself today,
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.

9. The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The Word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

10. Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course.

11. Be few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and at all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.

12. Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry.

13. Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death wound and the burn,
The choking wave; the poisoned shaft,
Protect me, Christ, till Thy return.

14. O Christ be with me, Christ within;
Dear Christ behind me, Christ before;
Sweet Christ beside me, Christ to win;
Lord Christ to comfort and restore.

15. I bind unto myself this day,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;
Invoking Three with steadfast faith,
Salvation won by Christ the Lord.