I Will Trade the Old Cross for a Crown

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Refrain

Heaven - I will trade the old cross for a crown.

When I trade the old cross for a crown.

Yes, I'll trade the old cross for a crown.

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When the burdens of life are laid down, When I knock on the portals of fortune on me seems to frown, But how happy I'll be over last, when He calls, be laid down, And my sorrows will all be for-

1. I shall not bear the cross thro' yon city When the
2. Tho' the cross often times has been heavy, And oft
3. Oft, my bark has been tossed on life's billows, And each
4. Ev'ry cross that I bear for my Savior Will at

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down. When the pearl gates for me shall swing open, I will
are laid down shall swing o-pen
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