A Soldier of the Cross

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1. Am I a soldier of the cross—A follower of the Lamb? And shall I fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His name?

2. Must I be carried to the skies, On flow'ry beds of ease, While others fought to win the prize, And sailed thro' bloody seas? In the name of Christ the King, Who hath purchased life for me, Thro' grace I'll win the promised crown, What-e'er my cross may be.

3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood? Is this vile world a friend to grace, To help me on to God?

4. Since I must fight if I would reign, Increase my courage, Lord! I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by Thy Word.

Refrain

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