

Not I, but Christ

Albert B. Simpson, 1891

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system begins with a measure rest in the treble clef, followed by a measure rest in the bass clef, and then continues with the melody. The third system starts with a measure rest in the treble clef, followed by a measure rest in the bass clef, and then continues with the melody. The fourth system ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass clef.

Not I, but Christ be honored, loved, exalted,
Not I, but Christ be seen, be known and heard;
Not I, but Christ in every look and action,
Not I, but Christ in every thought and word.

Refrain

*Oh, to be saved from myself, dear Lord,
Oh, to be lost in Thee,
Oh, that it may be no more I,
But Christ that lives in me.*

Not I, but Christ my every need supplying,
Not I, but Christ my strength and health to be;
Christ, only Christ, for spirit, soul, and body,
Christ, only Christ, live then Thy life in me.

Refrain

Christ, only Christ, no idle word e'er falling,
Christ, only Christ, no needless bustling sound;
Christ, only Christ, no self-important bearing,
Christ, only Christ, no trace of I be found.

Refrain

Not I, but Christ to gently soothe in sorrow,
Not I, but Christ to wipe the falling tear;
Not I, but Christ to lift the weary burden,
Not I, but Christ to hush away all fear.

Refrain

Christ, only Christ, ere long will fill my vision,
Glory excelling soon, full soon I'll see;
Christ, only Christ, my every wish fulfilling,
Christ, only Christ, my all in all to be.

Refrain

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