

Faithful Soldier

John Leland, 1793

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Transcribed from *Southern Harmony*, 1835, and *Christian Harmony*, 1867.

Arranged by William Walker, 1835
B^b Major Alto by William Walker, 1867

Tr. 1. { O when shall I see Je - sus, And dwell with him above, } When shall I be delivered, From this vain world of sin? _____ And
And drink the flowing fountains Of ev - er - las - ting love. }

A. 2. { But now I am a sol - dier, My Captain's gone before, } And if I hold out faithful, A crown of life he'll give, _____ And
He's gi - ven me my or - ders, And tells me not to fear: }

T. 3. { Through grace I am determined To conquer, though I die, } Fare - well to sin and sor - row, I bid it all a - dieu, _____ And
And then away to Je - sus, On wings of love I'll fly: }

B. 4. { And if you meet with trou - bles, And trials on the way, } Gird on the heavenly ar - mor Of faith and hope and love, _____ And
Then cast your cares on Je - sus, And don't forget to pray, }

Tr. 1. with my blessed Je - sus Drink endless pleasure in. When

A. 2. all his valiant sol - diers E - ter - nal life shall have. And

T. 3. you my friends, be faithful, And on your way pursue. Fare -

B. 4. when your race is en - ded, You'll reign with him above. Gird

5. O do not be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll not refuse to lend,
Neither will he upbraid you,
Though often you request,
He'll give you grace to conquer,
And take you up to rest.

7. Our eyes shall then with rapture,
The Savior's face behold;
Our feet, no more diverted,
Shall walk the streets of gold;
Our ears shall hear with transport
The hosts celestial sing;
Our tongues shall chant the glories
Of our immortal King.

6. And when the last loud trumpet
Shall rend the vaulted skies,
And bid the entombed millions
From their cold beds arise,
Our ransomed dust, revived,
Bright beauties shall put on,
And soar to the bless'd mansions
Where our Redeemer's gone.

Originally called *The Faithful Soldier* in 1835, the initial particle was dropped in later editions of *Southern Harmony*. A folk hymn, based on an Irish folk song (Jackson 1953a, No. 59). This tune was also arranged by William Hauser in 1848, for four parts.