

For the Sake of Christ

In loving memory of Arleen Dunne

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:15; 12:7-10

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INTRO *Rubato, espressivo* (♩ = ca. 60)

Keyboard

mp *a tempo* *poco rit.*

Gm9 Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am7

REFRAIN

Melody *a tempo*

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my weak-ness and my trials, for

Harmony *a tempo*

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my trials.

Dm Dm/C B♭maj7 Dm/A Gm9 Am7 B♭maj7 C6

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1, 2 to Verses 1, 2

when I am pow-er-less, _____ then I am strong. 1. Al -
2. And

When I am pow-er-less, then I am strong.

Gm Dm/A Bbmaj9 Bb6 Am7 1, 2
Dm Am7 Dm Am7
to Verses 1, 2

3 to Verse 3 **Final**

strong. rit. Fine

3. He strong.

strong. rit.

3 to Verse 3 **Final** Fine

Dm C/E F Dm Am7 Dm Am7 Dm

rit. pp

VERSES 1, 2

1. (Al -) though in God's_ love my life was blest, my faith ___ was giv - en to the
 2. (And) so when I am weak, then I am free. The pow - er of Christ will rest in

Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 C/Bb Dm/A Gm C

1. test. For mer - cy did I pray, and then I heard God say, "My
 2. me. Through all that I en - dure, the love of God is sure. His

Fadd9 F Ebmaj7 A7 Dm Dm/C

1. grace is e - nough for_ you. My grace is e - nough for_ you."
 2. grace is e - nough for_ me. His grace is e - nough for_ me.

Gm Am7 Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm Am7 Dm Am7 D.S.

rit. *molto rit.*

VERSE 3: Stronger

mf *rall.* *p*

S
A

3. (He) died for all, that those who live might live no long-er for them-selves. — Oh,

T
B

mf *rall.* *p*

Gm7 C Bb/F F E \emptyset 7 A7 Dmadd9 Dm

mf *rall. e dim.*

poco meno mosso *rit.* *D.S. al fine*

3. live for — Christ who gave his — life, and now is raised on high. —

poco meno mosso *rit.*

E \flat B \flat /D F/C Dm Gm Asus4 A

p *poco meno mosso* *rit.* *D.S. al fine*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO *Rubato, espressivo* (♩ = ca. 60)

NC *mp* *a tempo* *poco rit.*
 (Keyboard)

Capo 5: (Dm9) (Em7) (Am) (Em7)(Am) (Em7)
 Gm9 Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am7

REFRAIN

(Am) (Am/G) (Fmaj7) (Am/E) (Dm9) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (G6)
 Dm Dm/C B♭maj7 Dm/A Gm9 Am7 B♭maj7 C6

Melody *a tempo*

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac- cept my weak-ness and my trials, for

Harmony *a tempo*

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac- cept my trials.

(Dm) (Am/E) (Fmaj7) (F6) (Em7) 1, 2 (Am) (Em7) (Am) (Em7)
 Gm Dm/A B♭maj9 B♭6 Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am7

when I am pow-er- less, then I am strong. 1. Al - 2. And

When I am pow-er- less, then I am strong.

3 (Am) (G/B) (C) to Verse 3 Final (Am) (Em7) (Am) (Em7) (Am)
 Dm C/E F Dm Am7 Dm Am7 Dm

strong. 3. He strong. *rit.* *pp Fine*

strong. strong.

VERSES 1, 2

(Am) (Am/G) (Fmaj7) (G/F) (Am/E) (Dm) (G)
Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 C/Bb Dm/A Gm C

1. (Al-) though in God's love my life was blest, my faith was giv - en to the
2. (And) so when I am weak, then I am free. The pow - er of Christ will rest in

(Cadd9) (C) (Bbmaj7) (E7) (Am) (Am/G)
Fadd9 F Ebmaj7 A7 Dm Dm/C

p

1. test. For mer - cy did I pray, and then I heard God say, "My
2. me. Through all that I en - dure, the love of God is sure. His

(Dm) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (Em7) (Dm) (Em7) (Am) (Em7)
Gm Am7 Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm Am7 Dm Am7

rit. *molto rit.* *D.S.*

1. grace is e-nough for you. My grace is e-nough for you."
2. grace is e-nough for me. His grace is e-nough for me.

VERSE 3: *Stronger*

(Dm7) (G) (F/C) (C) (Bb7) (E7) (Amadd9) (Am)
Gm7 C Bb/F F Eb7 A7 Dmadd9 Dm

mf *rall.* *p*

3. (He) died for all, that those who live might live no long - er for them - selves. Oh,

(Bb) (F/A) (C/G) (Am) (Dm) (Esus4) (E)
Eb Bb/D F/C Dm Gm Asus4 A

poco meno mosso *rit.* *D.S. al fine*

3. live for Christ who gave his life, and now is raised on high.

Composer Notes

This is St. Paul's powerful and moving testimony about the redemptive suffering of Christ, who taught us to let go of power and embrace our weakness. God's grace is more than enough to see us through any trial.

The key to performing this song lies in keeping it simple. Sometimes at liturgy we have too much of what I call "AIAT" (All Instruments, All the Time). Give the musicians and the assembly a break and try varying the times when all the instruments are playing. For this song, I recommend piano and cello (if you have one) only.

The melody is almost chant-like. Try singing the first refrain *a cappella*, like chant. Bring in the contrapuntal harmony after the first verse. Breaking into SATB on Verse 3 will make the song soar; please watch the dynamics. Bring the song to a soft landing with a solemn final refrain.

—Ken Canedo

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Assembly Edition

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Ken Canedo

Refrain



For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my weak-ness and my trials,

1, 2, Final
(♩) to Verses 1, 2 | 3 to Verse 3



for when I am pow-er-less, then I am strong. strong.

Verses 1, 2



1. Al-though in God's — love my life was blest, my faith — was
2. And so when I am weak, then I am free. The pow - er of



1. giv - en to the test. For mer-cy did I pray, and then I heard God say,
2. Christ will rest in me. Through all that I en-dure, the love of God is sure.

to Refrain



1. "My grace is e-nough for you. My grace is e-nough for you."
2. His grace is e-nough for me. His grace is e-nough for me.

Verse 3



3. He died for all, that those who live might live no long-er for them-selves.

to Refrain



3. Oh, live for Christ who gave his life, and now is raised on high.

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