

Sleep Not, Soldier

*The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Mt. 11:12; Ac. 14:22
Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. 2:3*

1. Sleep not, sol - dier of the cross, Foes are lurk - ing all a - round;
2. Up! and take thy shield and sword! Up! it is the call of Heav'n;
3. Break through all the force of ill; Tread the might of pas - sion down;
4. Through the midst of toil and pain, Let this thought ne'er leave thy breast;

Look not here to find re - pose; This is but thy bat - tle - ground.
Shrink not faith-less from thy Lord; No - bly strive, as He hath striv'n.
Strug - gling on - ward, on - ward still, To thy con - qu'ring Sav - ior's crown.
Eve - ry tri - umph thou dost gain Makes more sweet thy com - ing rest.

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