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This hymn tune was written for and sung at a youth week-end from the Albert Hall Methodist Church, Manchester, in 1965.
The choir arrangement was made in 1998.

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My power is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It wants the needed fire to glow,
It wants the breeze to nerve;
It cannot freely move,
Till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne
It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent,
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant
And found in thee its life.

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$\text{♩} = 100$

S
f 1. Make me a cap - tive Lord, And then I shall be free; Force

A
f 1. Make me a cap - tive Lord, And then I shall, I shall be free; Force

T
8 *f* 1. Make me a cap - tive Lord, And then I shall, I shall be free; Force

B
f 1. Make me a cap - tive Lord, And then I shall be free; Force

S
5 me to ren - der up my sword And I shall con - queror be

A
me to ren - der up my sword, And I shall con - queror be

T
8 me to ren - der up my sword, And I shall con - queror be

B
me to ren - der up my sword, And I shall con - queror be;

S
8 *mf* I sink in life's a - larms, When by my - self I stand; Im -

A
mf I sink in life's a - larms, When by my - self I stand; Im - *f*

T
8 *mf* I sink in life's a - larms, When by my - self I stand; Im -

B
mf I sink in life's a - larms, When by my - self I stand; Im - *f*

13

S pri - son me with - in thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

A pri - son me with - in thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

T 8 pri - son me with - in thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

B pri - son me with - in thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

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S *p* 2. Till I have learned to serve; It

A *mp* 2. My power is faint and weak, Till I have learned to serve; It

T 8 *mp* 2. My power is faint and weak, Till I have learned to serve; It

B *mp* 2. My power is faint and weak, Till I have learned to serve;

21

S wants the need - ed fire to glow,

A wants the need - ed fire to glow, It wants the breeze to nerve

T 8 wants the need - ed fire to glow, It wants the breeze to nerve

B the fire to glow, It wants the breeze to nerve

24

S *mp* It can - not free - ly move, Till thou hast wrought its chain; En - *mf*

A *mp* ; It can - not free - ly move, Till thou hast wrought its chain; En - *mf*

T *mp* ; It can - not free - ly move, Till thou hast wrought its chain; En - *mf*

B *mp*

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S slave it with thy match - less love, And death-less it shall reign. *mp*

A slave it with thy match - less, match - less. love, And death-less it shall reign. *mp*

T *mp* slave it with thy match - less, match - less. love, And death-less it shall reign. *mp*

B *mp*

mf match-less love, And death-less it shall reign. *mp*

33

S *mf* 3. My will is not my own Till thou hast made it thine; If

A *mf* 3. My will is not my own Till thou hast made, hast made it thine; If

T *mf* 3. My will is not my own Till thou hast made, hast made it thine; If

B *mf* 3. My will is not my own Till thou hast made it thine; If

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S it would reach a mon - arch's throne, It must its crown re-sign

A it would reach a mon - arch's throne, It must its crown re - sign

T 8 it would reach a mon - arch's throne, It must its crown re - sign

B it would reach a mon - arch's throne, It must its crown re-sign

40

S ; *f* It on-ly stands un-bent, A-mid the clash - ing strife, When

A ; *f* It on-ly stands un - bent, A-mid the clash - ing strife, When

T 8 ; *f* It on-ly stands un - bent, A-mid the clash - ing strife; When

B ; *f* It on-ly stands un - bent, A-mid the clash - ing strife; When

45

S on thy bo-som it has leant *ff*, And found in thee its life.

A on thy bo-som it has leant *ff*, And found in thee its life.

T 8 on thy bo - som it has leant *ff*, And found in thee its life.

B on thy bo-som it has leant *ff*, And found in thee its life.