

## Lorica of St. Patrick

I bind unto myself this day  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay  
And His ear to hearken to my need.

The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,  
The word of God to give me speech  
And His heavenly host to be my guard.

*Chorus:*

**Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me and Christ before.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and to restore.**

I bind unto myself this day  
The virtues of the starlit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life-giving ray  
And the whiteness of the moon at even.

*Chorus:*

**Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me and Christ before.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and to restore.**

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