

## ***Francis Ridley Havergal***

**Take My Life!**

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.**

**Take my moments and my days: let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.**

**Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart; it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.**

**Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.**

**Out of a heart of love for her Lord flowed a wellspring of beautiful hymns. Francis Ridley Havergal's father was a pastor, and wrote and published church music. When she was three she began to read. At four she was reading the Bible. By seven she began to keep a notebook of her poetry. But life was not easy. She was sick most of her life. Her mother died when she was eleven. She finally received her assurance of salvation at the age of fifteen after three years of earnest struggle.**

**She always believed in God and became moved by His death for us, but felt her sin was too great. When she fully accepted God's love and trusted Christ's payment for her sins, she found peace.**

**Francis learned Greek, Hebrew, Latin, German, French and Italian. She memorized most of the New Testament, as well as Psalms, Isaiah and the Minor Prophets. She taught a children's Sunday School class, visited the poor and ill, and had a ministry of writing books and corresponding with those in need. Despite her sufferings she always found**



cause to praise her Lord and challenge others to serve Him. Among her loved hymns are: "Like a River Glorious", "I Gave My Life for Thee," "Who Is on the Lord's Side?", and "Take My Life."

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