

# Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

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1. Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense      And my Sav - ior, now is liv - ing!  
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives;      Like - wise I to life shall wak - en.  
 3. No, too close - ly am I bound      By my hope to Christ for - ev - er;  
 4. I am flesh and must re - turn      To the dust, whence I am tak - en;  
 5. Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new      With this flesh then be en - shroud - ed;  
 6. Then take com - fort and re - joice,      For His mem - bers Christ will cher - ish.

Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence      Rests up - on the hope here giv - en,  
 He will bring me where He is;      Shall my cour - age then be shak - en?  
*Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,*      *Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;*  
*But by faith I now dis - cern*      *That from death I shall a - wak - en*  
 In this bod - y I shall view      God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed;  
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;      Dy - ing, they shall nev - er per - ish;

Though the night of death be fraught      Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 Shall I fear, or could the Head      Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?  
*Ev - en death now can - not part*      *From its Lord the trust - ing heart.*  
*With my Sav - ior to a - bide*      *In His glo - ry, at His side.*  
 In this flesh I then shall see      Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.  
 For the ver - y grave is stirred      When the trum - pet's blast is heard.