

## ***Take Not My Savior Dear***

Tune: Almsgiving 8 8 8 4  
Trinity Hymnal (Red) #418

Alt: Eudora 8 8 8 4  
Psalter Hymnal (1976) #433

O God, though given sov'reignly,  
Your Law is not a friend to me.  
It charges me with guilt and sin  
And hell's ruin.

Though holy standards here are laid,  
Though only just demands be made,  
Your Law is weak in only this-  
My sinful flesh.

Your Law is more than I can bear,  
Your righteousness I cannot wear,  
Unless you clothe me by your grace,  
And make me pure.

O God, my sin is all too clear.  
Your mercy only is my plea.  
Christ, interpose your precious blood,  
To pardon me.

To me, to live is Christ my Lord,  
To die is gain when I am His.  
And so, I only live for Him  
And die in peace.

To know Him is my fullest bliss,  
For Him I count my all as loss,  
That I may gain a righteousness,  
In Him alone.

Thus Lord, take all my blessings now.  
Take health and strength and ev'ry cheer.  
But do not take my Christ away,  
My Savior dear.