When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong
Assembly, Two-part Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

INTRO (\( \text{\( \dot{\text{q}} \)} = \text{ca. 112})

\( \text{Em7} \)
\( \text{Cmaj7} \)
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When I am weak, then I am strong. To Jesus Christ.

Do I belong. Surrender all my soul and song.

When I am weak, then I am strong.

Am7

Em

G

Bm7

C

Em

G

G/B

D

1-3 to Verses

Final

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Em

C
VERSE 1
1. Alone, I am defenseless in my

VERSE 2
2. My own light becomes darkness, my

VERSE 4
4. God’s Kingdom has been promised to the

1. Fruitless vanity.

2. Vision I betray.

4. Spirit of the poor whose love in humble ser-

Fine

But when I look to you,

Lead me, guide me, show

When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong
1. When I am weak, then I am strong

2. Lord, your light guides my way

3. Your wisdom is foundation, the rock on which I stand

4. Vice and hope in him are sure

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VERSE 3

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Lord, protected by your hand.

BRIDGE

Holy are the lowly, your grace is enough for me.

Em/G
F#7
Bsus4

to Bridge

Em
D/C
C
G
Am

to Verse 4

Em7
D/C
C
G

to Verse 4

F
Em
D/A

to Verse 4
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Cmaj7
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Cmaj7
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REFRAIN

When I am weak, then I am strong.
To Jesus Christ I belong.
Surrender all my soul and song.
When I am weak, then I am strong.

VERSE 1

1. Alone, I am defenseless in my
title vanity.

1. me my own humility. When I am

VERSE 2

2. My own light becomes darkness,

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VERSE 2

But when I look to you,
Em/G Lord, your light guides my way.
F#7 # D.S.

VERSE 3

Your wisdom is foundation,
D rock on which I stand.
Em7 I put my faith in you.
Am7

BRIDGE

Holy are the lowly.
D/C C Slowly, your grace is enough for me.
G F Em D/A to Verse 4

VERSE 4

God’s kingdom has been promised to the
D spirit of the poor whose love in humble ser-
Em7

Em/G vice and hope in him are sure.
F#7 B D.S. al fine

Em/G
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#### Refrain

When I am weak, then I am strong. To Jesus Christ do I belong. Surrender all my soul and song. When I am weak, then I am strong.

1. Alone, I am defenseless in my futile vanity. Lead me, guide me, show me my own humility. (to Refrain)
2. My own light becomes darkness, my vision I betray. But when I look to you, Lord, your light guides my way. (to Refrain)
3. Your wisdom is foundation, the rock on which I stand. I put my faith in you, Lord, protected by your hand. (to Bridge)

#### Bridge

Holy are the lowly. Slowly, your grace is enough for me. (to Verse 4)

4. God’s kingdom has been promised to the spirit of the poor whose love in humble service and hope in him are sure. (to Refrain)

#### Composer Notes

This piece can be sung with any combination of piano, guitar, and/or organ, by any combination of generations. Verses sung in the ‘middle C’ octave are preferred, although they can be sung an octave higher by sopranos. Try mixing these octaves among the verses. Final refrain can be repeated ad lib.

This is an anthem for all of us who seek the simplicity and strength that comes when we surrender our weaknesses to God. When I walk away, when I acknowledge my weakness, I rest it in God’s hands - not in my hands. Then, in my surrender, my acknowledgement of weakness, I am free and I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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