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Take My Life, and Let It Be

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Take my moments and my days;
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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;
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Take my heart, it is Thine own;
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