

The God of love my shepherd is

George Herbert (1593-1633)

based on Psalm 23; alt. The Editors

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1. The God of love my shepherd is,
who feeds and nurtures me;
while he is mine and I am his,
from want I shall be free.
2. He leads me to the tender grass,
where I both feed and rest;
then to the streams that gently pass:
in both I have the best.
3. Or if I stray, his love will turn
me back toward his face;
this love that none could hope to earn
is his free gift of grace.
4. And in death's dark and fearful place
well may I walk, not fear,
for you are with me, and your grace
will guide and hold me there.
5. Surely, your wondrous love and peace
will measure all my days,
and as it will not ever cease,
so neither shall my praise.

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