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The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Assembly, Cantor, Men's Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

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Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

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Keyboard

INTRO Calypso (♩ = ca. 120)

Chords: D \flat , E \flat , A \flat , B \flat , A \flat , G \flat , F \flat , E \flat , D \flat

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♩ REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor; All repeat; thereafter: All

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light; of whom should I be a -

1 3 D.S. 2-5 to Verses
fraid? The Lord is my fraid?

1 Ab Eb 3 D.S. 2-5 Ab to Verses

Final Fine
fraid?

Final Ab Fine

VERSE 1

1. The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom should I

1. fear? The LORD is my life's ref - uge; —

1. — of whom should I be a — The Lord is my

VERSE 2

2. Hear, O LORD the and of my call; have pit - y on me, —

2. and an - swer me. Of you my heart speaks;

Csus4 C Fm Bbm

2. you my glance — eks. The Lord is my

Dh/Eh Eb D.S.

VERSE 3

3. Your pres - ence, O LORD, I seek. I will not your face from me;

D Eb C Fm

3. do not in an - ger re - pel your ser - vant. You are my

Db

3. help - er: cast me not off. The Lord is my

Ab/Eb Ebsus4 Eb D.S.

Musical score for Verse 3. The vocal line consists of two phrases: "3. help - er: cast me not off." and "The Lord is my". The piano accompaniment features chords Ab/Eb, Ebsus4, and Eb. There are triplets in both the vocal and piano parts. The piece concludes with a *D.S.* marking.

VERSE 4

4. I be-lieve that I shall see the bon-ty of the LORD in the

Eb

Musical score for the first part of Verse 4. The vocal line begins with "4. I be-lieve that I shall see the bon-ty of the LORD in the". The piano accompaniment features a chord Eb. There are triplets in the vocal line.

4. land of the liv - ing. Wait for the LORD with cour-age;

Ab Eb Ab Bbm Eb

Musical score for the second part of Verse 4. The vocal line continues with "4. land of the liv - ing. Wait for the LORD with cour-age;". The piano accompaniment features chords Ab, Eb, Ab, Bbm, and Eb. There are triplets in the vocal line.

4. be stout - heart-ed, and wait for the LORD. The Lord is my

Ab/Eb Eb Eb D.S. al fine

Musical score for the final part of Verse 4. The vocal line concludes with "4. be stout - heart-ed, and wait for the LORD. The Lord is my". The piano accompaniment features chords Ab/Eb, Eb, and Eb. There are triplets in the vocal line. The piece concludes with a *D.S. al fine* marking.

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INTRO *Calypso* (♩ = ca. 120)

Capo 1: (C)

(D)

(G)

Db Eb Ab

(Keyboard)

(Am) Bbm (D) Eb (D) Eb

The Lord is my

♩ REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor; All repeat; thereafter: All

(C) Db (D) Eb (G) Ab

light and my va - tion. The Lord is my

(Am) Bbm (D) Eb 1 (G) Ab (D) Eb D.S.

light; of whom should I be afraid? The Lord is my

2-5 (G) Ab to Verses Final (G) Ab Fine

fraid? fraid?

VERSE 1 (C) Db (D) Eb

1. The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom should I

(G) Ab (C) Db

1. fear? The LORD is my life's ref - uge; ___

(D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb D.S.

1. ___ of whom should I be a - fraid? The Lord is my

VERSE 2

(C) (D)
Db Eb

2. Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pit - y on me, —

(Bsus4) (B) (Em) (Am)
Csus4 C Fm Bbm

2. — and an - swer e. Of you my heart speaks; —

(C/D) (F)

2. — you my glance — see The Lord is my *D.S.*

VERSE 3

(C) (D) (B)
Eb C

3. Your pres - ence, O LORD, — I seek. Hide not your face from

(Em) (C)
Fm Db

3. me; do not in an - ger re - pel your ser - vant. You are my

(G/D) (Dsus4) (D)
Ab/Eb Ebsus4 Eb

3. help - er: cast me not — The Lord is my *D.S.*

VERSE 4

(C) (D)
Db Eb

4. I be - lieve that I shall see boun - ty of the LORD in the

(G) (D) (G) (Am)
Ab Eb Ab Bbm

4. land of the liv - ing — wait for the LORD — with cour - age;

(D) (G/D) (Dsus4) (D)
Eb Ab/Eb Ebsus4 Eb

4. be stout - hearted, and wait for the LORD. The Lord is my *D.S. al fine*

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 84) Ab Ebsus4 Eb Fm Ab/Eb

Keyboard

Db Ab/Eb Eb7 Db Ab

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor All repeat; thereafter: All
(a tempo)

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall

Db/Eb Ab Ebsus4 Eb Fm Ab/Eb

(a tempo)

want, there is noth - ing I shall want. 1 *D.S.*

Db Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab Db/Eb *D.S.*

VERSE 1

1. LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not want. In

Db Ebsus4 Eb Ab Db C

1. ver - dant pas - tures he gives me re - pose; be -

Fm Fm/Eb Db Ebsus4 Eb

1. side rest - ful wa - ters he leads me;

F Bbm Eb Ab

1. he re - frain - es my soul. The

E Db Eb D.S.

poco rit.

VERSE 2

2. guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Db Ebsus4 Eb Db/Ab Ab

2. E-ven though I walk in the dark val - ley I fear no

Eb Fm Fm/Eb

2. e - vil; for ye are at my side

Ebsus4 Eb F Bb

2. with your rod and your staff they give me cour - age. The

Eb Ebsus4 Eb D.S. poco rit.

VERSE 3

3. spread a ta - ble be - fore me in the sight — of my foes;

E Gb Ab E Gb Ab

3. you a - noint my head with oil; my cup over - flows. — The

E Dbsus2 Gb Eb D.S.

poco rit. *D.S.*

VERSE 4

4. kind - ness fol - low me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the

Db Eb Fm E

4. house of the LORD for years to come — The

f *mp* *D.S. al fine* *poco rit.*

f *mp* *poco rit.* *D.S. al fine*

Composer Notes

The Lord Is My Light

In this setting of Psalm 27, the faces of God’s pilgrim people are lifted up to the light of redemption and hope. In this light, we find our courage to wait for the Lord; we also find our reason for rejoicing. The verses of this psalm setting call for freedom, energy, and relaxed animation. Combining tambourine shakes with the piano accompaniment can produce a Latin flavor, which can bring the welcome warmth of sunshine to the Lenten weeks of late winter and early spring.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

This piece was conceived in direct contradiction to my belief that the Church already had more settings of Psalm 23 than were needed. When I was leading music for the funeral of a well-loved monsignor in our diocese, I was overwhelmed by the profound tenderness with which the gathering of our priests sang the psalm. To Joseph Gelineau’s timeless “The Lord Is My Shepherd.” It was the sound of my brother voices, raised in loving devotion and priestly solidarity, that echoed in my heart on the drive home that day. By the time I reached my driveway, I was humming the refrain of this setting. As the verses took shape, I knew they would require a voice with warmly heroic and shepherd-like qualities. Fortunately, Paul Hillebrand was available and gracious enough to travel to California to sing for the recording. In doing so, he fully realized the essential spirit of this psalm.

The beautiful image of the Good Shepherd guides the Church when she celebrates the RCIA second scrutiny, returning in the middle weeks of Eastertide and on various Sundays in Ordinary Time. In addition to its traditional use for the funeral rite, this psalm is also appropriate for use as a Communion processional and as a responsorial psalm for ordinations and first Communion liturgies.

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)
 Capo 1: (G) Ab (Dsus4) Ebsus4 (D) Eb (Em) Fm (G/D) Ab/Eb

(C) Db (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb (C) Db (G) Ab

(Keyboard)

♩ REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All
 (C/D) Db/Eb (G) Ab (Dsus4) Ebsus4 (D) Eb (Em) Fm (G/D) Ab/Eb (C) Db
 (a tempo)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, there is

(G/D) Ab/Eb (D7) Eb7 1 (C) Db (G) Ab (C/D) Db/Eb D.S. 2, 3 (G) Ab to Verses 1, 2

nothing I shall want. The want. 1. The 2. He

4 (G) Ab to Verse 3 5 (G) Ab to Verse 4 Final (G) Ab

want. 3. You want. 4. Only goodness and want.

Fine

VERSE 1 (C) Db (Dsus4) Ebsus4 (D) Eb (G) Ab (C) Db (B) C (Em) Fm

1. LORD is my shepherd; I shall want. In verdant pastures

(Em/D) Fm/Eb (C) Db (Dsus4) Ebsus4 (G) Ab (E) F (Am) Bbm

1. he gives me repose; beside restful waters

(D) (G) (Eb) (Cm) (F) (D)
 Eb Ab E Dbm Gb Eb *poco rit. D.S.*

1. he leads me; he re-fresh-es my soul. The

VERSE 2

(C) (Dsus4) (D) (C/G) (G) (D) (Em)
 Db Ebsus4 Eb Db/Ab Ab Eb Fm

2. guides me in right paths for his name's sake. E-ven though I walk

(Em/D) (Dsus4) (D) (E) (A)
 Fm/Eb Ebsus4 Eb F Bb

2. in the dark val-ley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

(D) (G) (Dsus4) (D) *poco rit. D.S.*
 Eb Ab Ebsus4 Eb

2. with your rod and your staff that give me cour-age. The

VERSE 3

(Eb) (F) (G) (Eb) (F) (G)
 E Gb A E Gb Ab

3. spread a ta-ble be-fore me in the sight of my foes;

(Eb) (D) (F) (D) *poco rit. D.S.*
 E Dbsus2 Gb Eb

3. you a-noint my head with oil; my cup o-ver-flows. The

VERSE 4

(C) (D) (Dm) (Em)
 Db Eb Cm Fm

4. kind-ness fol-low me all the days of my life; and I shall

(Eb) (Dsus4) (D) *f mp D.S. al fine poco rit.*
 E Ebsus4 Eb

4. dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. The

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT (PSALM 27)

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The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light; of whom should I be a-fraid?

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
Of whom should I be afraid?
2. Hear, O LORD, the sound of my voice,
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks;
you my glance seeks.
3. Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off.
4. I believe that I shall see the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage,
be stout: he will wait for me.

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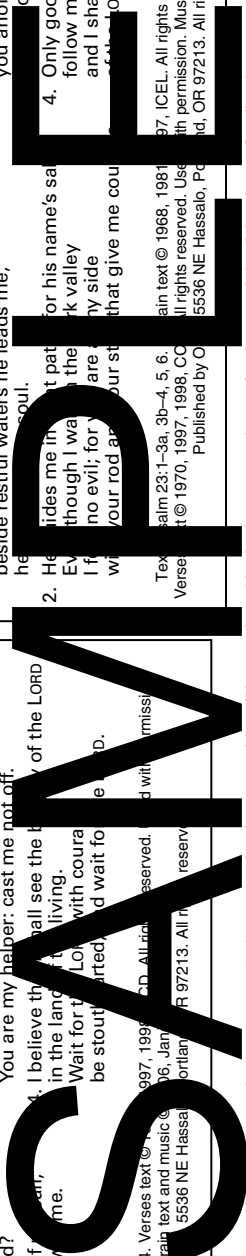
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (PSALM 23)

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The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth - ing I shall want, there is noth - ing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
2. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me,
your rod and your staff give me courage.
3. You spread a table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
your goodness overflows.
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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