

Valleys of Green

Based on Psalm 23

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Keyboard accompaniment by Bob Harrold

INTRO *Gently, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 92)

Keyboard

D C#°7 F# Bm Bm7/A

G Cmaj9 Em Asus4 A

REFRAIN

Soprano *mp a tempo*

Alto

O Lord, — ev - er be my shep - herd; — noth - ing

Baritone *mp a tempo*

D C#°7 Bm Bm7/A G

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more shall I want. You lead me a - long the path of

Em7 A7 D/F# Asus4 A D D/C# Bm Bm7/A G

right, accord ing to your word.

1-4 rit. to Verses

F#m Bm7 Em7/A D Asus4 A to Verses

word.

Final rit. Fine

Final D Bm C D7/sus4 D Fine

VERSES

a tempo

mf

1. To fol - low the path be - side you; _____
 2. If ev - er I walk in dark - ness, _____
 3. A ban - quet you set be - fore me, _____
 4. Your love will be _____ with me, _____

mf
a tempo

D C#°7 F Bm Bm7/A

1. noth - ing more shall I want. In
 2. noth - ing more I fear; for
 3. un - der the eyes of my foes And
 4. ev - 'ry day of my life. My

G Em7 A7 D Asus4 A

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G Cmaj9 *rit.* Em Asus4 A

REFRAIN *mp a tempo*

D C#°7 F# Bm Bm7/A

O Lord, ev - er my shep - herd;

G Em7 A7 D/F# Asus4 A

noth - ing more shall I want. You

D D/C# Bm 7/A G F#m

lead me a - long the path of right,

Bm7 Em Em7/A

ac - cord - ing your word.

Final D *rit.* Bm C 4 D *Fine*

word.

1-4
D *rit.* Asus4 A
to Verses

VERSES

a tempo **D** **C#°7** **F#7** **Bm** **Bm7/A**

1. To fol - low the path be - side you; _____
2. If ev - er I walk in dark - ness, _____
3. A ban - quet you set be - fore me, _____
4. Your love will be al - ways with me, _____

G **Em7** **A** **Dsus4** **D** **Asus4** **A**

1. noth - ing more shall I want. _____ In
2. noth - ing more would I fear; _____ for
3. un - der the eyes of my _____ And
4. ev - 'ry day _____ My

D **D/C#** **Bm** **Bm7/A** **G** **F#m7** **Bm7**

1. val - leys of green you let me lie; _____ to
2. there at my side you will stand. _____ Your
3. o - ver my head you pour your oil; _____ my
4. home it will be with in your house, _____ my

Em7/G **Cmaj9** **A** **Em7** **Asus4** **A** **D.S.**

rit.

1. rest - ful wa - ters you lead me. _____
2. staff will give me _____ age.
3. cup is flow - ing _____ ver.
4. Lord, to - day _____ and ev _____ er.

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Valleys of Green

Many people love Psalm 23 and its central, reassuring image of God as being the one who shepherds and guides our lives. Some will recognize this piece as a re-incarnation of a previously published song. The text has been updated and a new keyboard accompaniment has been written, while the original character and theme remain. The prayer in this setting directly addresses God, seeking the Lord's protection and guidance. The mood is one of quiet, gentle reassurance.

Originally, the piece was scored for guitar and keyboard accompaniment, but a keyboard part has been included in print for the first time, for those who might not have a guitarist available. If a guitar is used, the gentle character of the piece suggests using a fingerpicking pattern rather than a strumming rhythm. Guitar and piano can work well together if one takes the lead and the other simply provides color and ornamentation.

This new arrangement includes SAB parts, so it can be a choral piece, if desired. The verses can be sung by a soloist or by choir with the assembly joining on the refrain. Because of its length, this is an ideal Communion hymn for funeral liturgies and is also very appropriate for wake services and memorials. With the extended refrain, it would not be a good responsorial psalm.

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain



O Lord, ev - er be my shep - herd; noth - ing
more shall I want. You lead a - long the path of
right, ac - cord - ing to your word.

Verses

1. To fol - low the path be - side you;
2. If ev - er I walk in dark - ness,
3. A ban - quet you set be - fore me,
4. Your love will



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2. noth - ing more would I fear; for
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1. val - leys of green I will lie; to
2. there at my side you will stand. Your
3. o - ver my head you pour your oil; my
4. home it will be with - in your house, my

to Refrain

1. rest - ful wa - te - r will give me.
2. staff will give me cour - age.
3. cup is flow - ing o - ver.
4. Lord, to - day and ev - er.

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