



PSALM
SERIES

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (II)

PSALM 23

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Preview

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

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INTRO *Peacefully, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 126)

Descant

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Keyboard

mp

mp

mp

p

cresc.

The

The

mp

REFRAIN: All

Lord is my shep - herd, noth - ing I shall

Lord is my shep - herd, there is noth - ing I shall

mp

cresc.

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to Verses **1 (Optional repeat)** *mp* *D.S.*

want. The

to Verses **1 (Optional repeat)** *mp* *D.S.*

want. The

to Verses **1 (Optional repeat)** *D.S.*

dim. *cresc.*

Final *Fine*

VERSES: Cantor or Unison Choir

mp

1. The Lord is my shep - herd; _____
2. He leads me in right paths, _____
3. A ta - ble be - fore me _____
4. Your good - ness and kind - ness _____

dim. *mp*

1. ___ there is noth - ing I ___ shall
 2. ___ for ___ he is true ___ to his
 3. ___ you ___ spread in sight ___ of my
 4. ___ shall ___ fol - low me ___ all my

cresc. *dim.*

1. want. He makes me lie down in green
 2. name. Though I walk through the val - ley of
 3. foes; my head you a - point with
 4. life. I shall dwell in the house of the

cresc. *mf*

1. pas - tures where he gives me re - pose;
 2. dark - ness no e - vil I fear;
 3. oil; my cup o - ver - flows.
 4. Lord for all of my life.

dim.

poco rall. *p* *a tempo*

1. _____ be - side _____ still wa - ters he
 2. _____ you are there with your rod and your
 3. _____ My _____ head you a - noint _____ with
 4. _____ I shall dwell in the house of the

poco rall. *a tempo*
pp

1. leads me, my soul with you
 2. staff; _____ with these you
 3. oil, _____ my cup is
 4. Lord _____ for all my

1. life re - fresh - ing. _____ The
 2. give me com - fort. _____
 3. o - ver - flow - ing. _____
 4. life, for ev - er. _____

mp *D.S.*

cresc. *D.S.*

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Composer Notes

My cathedral choir was going to sing Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* at a special All Souls' Day Mass. One of the choir members challenged me to write a responsorial psalm that would complement Duruflé's style, and this setting was the result.

This piece is ideal for singing at funerals or celebrations that are more meditative and prayerful, and at Masses on All Souls' Day and Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter). The accompaniment works equally well on organ or piano; keep it flowing gently to support the cantor.

—*Christopher Walker*

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

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

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| <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
where he give me repose;
beside still waters he leads me,
my soul with life refreshing.</p> <p>2. He leads me in right paths,
for he is true to his name.
Though I walk through the valley of darkness
no evil I fear;
you are there with your rod and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.</p> | <p>3. A table before me
you spread in sight of my foes;
my head you anoint with oil;
my cup overflows.
My head you anoint with oil,
my cup is overflowing.</p> <p>4. Your goodness and kindness
shall follow me all my life.
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for all of my life.
I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for all my life, for ever.</p> |
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