

# 683 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with five lines of text corresponding to the vocal parts. The first system covers the first five lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the next five lines. The music concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano part.

1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, Whose good-ness fail-eth nev-er;  
2. Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow My ran-somed soul He lead-eth,  
3. Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me,  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, be-side me;  
5. And so thro' all the length of days Thy good-ness fail-eth nev-er:

I noth-ing lack if I am His And He is mine for-ev-er.  
And where the ver-dant pas-tures grow With food ce-lestial feed-eth.  
And on His shoul-der gen-tly laid, And home re-joic-ing bro't me.  
Thy rod and staff my com-fort still, Thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
Good Shep-herd, may I sing Thy praise With-in Thy house for-ev-er.