

# 355. The Lord's My Shepherd

*"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Ps. 23:1*

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with five verses of text for each system. The first system covers the first five verses, and the second system covers the next five verses. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a steady accompaniment.

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to walk doth make  
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly fol - low me;

In pas - tures green; He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of right - eous - ness, E'en for His own Name's sake.  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
And in God's house for - ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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