

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, and feed me with a shepherd's care; his presence shall my wants supply, and guard me with a watchful eye; my noonday walks he shall attend, and all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wandering steps he leads, where peaceful rivers, soft and slow, amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely wilds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile with sudden greens and herbage crowned, and streams shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread, my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still: thy friendly crook shall give me aid, and guide me through the dreadful shade.

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