PSALM XXIII.

God is my Shepherd: not a care
Shall fret this tranquil heart of mine;
By waters still, in pastures fair,
He leads me with His love divine.

My erring footsteps He doth bring
Back to the paths of righteousness,
That I His praise may always sing,
His wisdom and His love confess.

Thy staff, dear Lord, is in my hand And Death's dark vale I'll boldly tread; Though famine ravage all the land Thy table is before me spread.

What can my heart desire? e'en now My cup is full and running o'er; Like oil upon a royal brow
Thy gifts upon Thy servant pour.

Surely Thy tender care has blest
My footsteps from the earliest day,
And in Thy house, a willing guest,
I'll dwell till time has passed away.