

Psalm 23

For unaccompanied SATB choir (with divisi)



Instrumentation

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Duration

Approx. 7 min. 50 sec.

Psalm 23 English Standard Version (ESV)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

23

1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

3

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23 (The Lord Is My Shepherd)

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Andante ♩ = 40

SOPRANO
pp *p* *pp*
The Lord is my shep- herd; The Lord is my shep - herd; is my

ALTO
pp *p* *pp*
The Lord is my shep- herd; The Lord my shep - herd; my

TENOR
pp *p* *pp*
The Lord is my shep- herd; The Lord, Lord, is my shep - herd; my

BASS
pp *p* *pp*
The Lord is my shep- herd; The Lord is my shep - herd; my

Piano
(for rehearsal only)
pp *p* *pp*

9 *mf* *p* *rit.*

shep- herd; The Lord; I shall not want. I shall not want.

mf *p* *pp*
shep- herd; The Lord; I shall not want. I shall not want.

mf *p* *pp*
shep- herd; is my shep - herd; shep - herd; I shall not want. not want. not

mf *p* *pp*
shep- herd; is my shep - herd; shep - herd; I shall not want.

mf *p* *pp* *rit.*

mf *p* *pp*

*** A tempo** $\text{♩} = 40$

18 *pp* *n* *p* *p*

O, the Lord, _____ He makes me lie down

n *p* *p*

The Lord, _____ makes me

n *pp* *pp* *p* *p*

want. He makes me lie down, makes me lie down,

n *p* *p*

_____ He makes me lie down,

*** A tempo** $\text{♩} = 40$

pp *n* *p* *p*

in green pas - tures. pas - tures.

pp *p* *pp*

lie down in green pas-tures. in green pas - tures. He makes me lie down

p *pp*

in green pas - tures. in green pas - tures. in green

p *pp*

lie down, lie down in green pas-tures. pas - tures.

pp *p* *pp*

pp *p* *pp*

* Sing in Falsetto for all melodies with soft, high pitches

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pp $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *mp* $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *mf* mp

He leads me, He leads me, be-side still wa - ters. still

p $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *mp* mp *mf* mp

He leads me, He leads me, still wa - ters. still

pp *mp* *mf*

pas - tures. O, the Lord, leads me, wa - ters.

p *mf*

O, the Lord, wa - ters.

pp $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *p* $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *mp* mp *mf* mp

pp $\text{p} < \text{p}$ *mp* mp *mf* mp

Più animato,
poco scherzando

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p *rit.* p *pp* p

wa - ters. still wa - ters. He

p *pp* *n*

wa - ters. be-side still, still wa - ters. wa - ters. wa - ters.

mp *p* *pp* *n*

wa - ters. still wa - ters. still wa - ters. He leads me still wa - ters.

p *pp* *n*

be-side still wa - ters. still wa - ters. be-side still wa - ters.

p *pp* *n* *pp*

rit. p *pp* *n* *pp*

Più animato,
poco scherzando

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mp *p* *mf < f* *p*

re - stores, He restores my soul. soul. He re-stores, He re-stores my

pp *mp* *mp* *f* *p*

re - stores, He restores my soul. He re-stores my soul. He re-stores my

p *mf* *p* *f*

re - stores, restores my soul. He re-stores my soul. He re-stores,

p *mf* *pp sub.* *f*

re - stores, restores my soul. He re - stores my soul.

p *mf* *pp sub.*

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f *p* *mf* *p*

soul. He re stores, He re-stores, re-stores my soul. He leads me,

*** spoken* *p* *mf* *p*

soul. He re - stores, He re-stores, re-stores my soul. He leads me,

spoken *p* *f* *mp* *mf* *p*

He re-stores my soul. He restores, re-stores my soul. He leads me, He

*** spoken* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

He re-stores my soul. He restores, re-stores my soul. He leads me, He

p *mf* *p*

** Like echoes of soprano and tenor

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in_ paths, in_ paths, leads, in paths, paths of right - eous-ness, paths of

in_ paths, in_ paths, He_ leads_ me in paths, right - eous-ness,

leads_ me in_ paths, in paths, He_ leads_ me in paths, paths, right - eous - ness, of

leads me in_ paths, in paths, in_ paths, right-eous-ness, of

mf *f*

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right - eous-ness, paths, right-eous-ness, of right - eous - ness, his_

right - eous-ness, paths, right-eous- ness, right - eous - ness for_ his, his_

right - eous-ness, paths of right - eous-ness, right - eous ness, his_name's sake, _

right eous-ness, of right - eous-ness, right eous ness, name's sake, _

mf *p* *mf* *p*

*** Higher pitches for top line notes (for intonation)
 **** With glissando

69 *rit.* *pp* *n*

name, his name, for his_ name,___

name, for_ his, his_ name, his name, in_ paths, his name's sake. ___

his_ name's sake,___ in_ paths, his name,

name's sake,___ He leads me, of right - eous - ness, his name's sake. ___

pp *n*

pp *n*

pp *n*

75 **Tempo primo** $\text{♩} = 40$ **Allegro moderato, poco agitato** $\text{♩} = 120$

pp *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

The Lord is my shep-herd; is my shep - herd; O, the Lord, E-ven though I walk,

pp *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

The Lord is my shep-herd; is my shep - herd; O, the Lord, E-ven though I walk,

pp *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

The Lord is my shep-herd; my shep - herd; O, the Lord, E-ven though I

pp *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

The Lord is my shep-herd; my shep - herd; O, the Lord, E-ven though I

Tempo primo $\text{♩} = 40$ **Allegro moderato, poco agitato** $\text{♩} = 120$

pp *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

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f *f* *f* *mf* *f*

E-verthoug I walk through the val - ley, through the val -

walk, E-ven though I walk through the val - ley, the

walk, E-ven though I walk, the val - ley,

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ff *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

- ley, through the val - ley of the shad-ow, the shad-ow of death,

- ley, through the val - ley of the shad-ow, the shad-ow of death,

val - ley, val - ley shad-ow, of the shad-ow, the shad-ow of death,

val - ley, the val - ley of the shad-ow, of death, of

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E-ven though I walk, I will fear no e - vil, fear no through the val - ley, fear no e - vil, no death, of shad ow of death, no e - vil, e - vil, no death, of shad ow of death, no e - vil, no

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e - vil, no e - vil, for you are with me, Lord, fear no e - vil, for you are e - vil, no e - vil, you are with me, Lord, no e - vil, for you are e - vil, fear no e - vil, fear no e - vil, you are with me; Lord, fear no e - vil, for e - vil, fear no e - vil, fear no e - vil, you are with me; Lord, fear no e - vil,

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with me; for you are with me; you are with me; your rod and your staff, rod and your

with me; for you are with me; you are with me; your rod and your staff,

with me; for you are with me; you are with me; your rod and your staff, rod,

are with me; you are with me; you are with me; your rod your staff, rod,

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staff, Lord, rod and your staff, your rod, your staff,

your rod and staff, Lord, they comfort me. and staff, comfort

staff, comfort me. rod and staff, comfort

staff, O Lord, they comfort me. they comfort me.

Tempo primo, molto calando
e religioso $\text{♩} = 40$

132 rit. *p* *pp* *n* *pp*

they com - fort me. You, the ta - ble

me. they com - fort me. they com - fort me. pre-pare, pre-pare, ta - ble

me. com - fort me. they com - fort me. the ta - ble, pre-pare,

they com - fort me. com-fort me. ta - ble, the

Tempo primo, molto calando
e religioso $\text{♩} = 40$

rit. *pp* *n* *pp* *n*

141 *p* *mf* *pp*

in the pres - ence of my en - e-mies; en - e-mies;

be - fore me pres - ence, pres-ence of my en - e-mies; en - e-mies;

be - fore me, Lord, pres-ence, my en - e-mies; my en - e-mies; you

ta - ble, in the pres-ence, my en - e-mies;

p *mf* *pp* *p*

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p *f* *mf*

a - noint my head, a-noint my head, my_head with oil; _____ with oil; _____ my_cup,

p *f* *mf*

a - noint my head, a-noint my head, my head with oil; _____ with oil; _____ my_cup, my_cup,

f *mf* *f*

_____ a - noint my head, my head, my head with oil; _____ with oil; my_cup o - ver

f *mf* *f*

you _____ a - noint my head, my head, you a-noint myhead with oil; _____ my_cup o - ver

f *mf* *f*

f *mf* *f*

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f *rit.* *ff* *A tempo, molto maestoso* $\text{♩} = 40$

my_cup o-ver-flows. o-ver - flows. my cup o - ver - flows. Sure-ly good-ness and mer - cy

f *ff* *ff*

my_cup o-ver-flows. o-ver - flows. my cup o - ver - flows. Sure-ly good-ness and mer - cy, Lord, good-ness and

ff *ff*

flows. o-ver flows. o - ver - flows. my cup o - ver - flows. Sure-ly good-ness and mer - cy, Lord, good-ness and

ff *ff*

flows. o-ver flows. my_cup o - ver - flows. good-ness and mer - cy, Lord, good-ness and

rit. *A tempo, molto maestoso* $\text{♩} = 40$

ff *ff*

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f

shall fol - low me, shall fol - low me all the days, all the days of my

f

mer - cy shall fol - low me, shall fol - low me all the days, all the days of my

f

mer - cy shall fol - low me, shall fol - low me, all the days, all the days of my

f

mer - cy shall fol - low me shall fol - low me, all the days, the days of my

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ff

life, all the days of my life, and I shall dwell, I shall dwell in the house of the

ff

life, all the days of my life, and I shall dwell, I shall dwell in the house of the

ff

life, all the days of my life, and I shall dwell, I shall dwell in the house of the

ff

life, all the days of my life, and I shall dwell, I shall dwell in the house of the

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Lord, in the house of the Lord for - ev - er. for - ev - er. for - ev - er.

Lord, in the house of the Lord, of the Lord, for - ev - er. for - ev - er. for - ev - er.

Lord, in the house, in the house of the Lord, of the Lord, for - ev - er. for - ev - er. for - ev - er.

Lord, in the house, house of the Lord, of the Lord, for - ev - er. for - ev - er. for - ev - er.

Duration: 7'45"
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