

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

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*Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.**Ps. 23*

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
 4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when



good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
 lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
 faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
 you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and



need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
 gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
 strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.



5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,
 your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;
 And from your chal-ice I de-light
 to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days
 your good-ness fails me nev-er;
 Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise
 with-in your house for-ev-er.

English clergyman Henry Baker greatly influenced hymnody in England and the United States through his leadership in preparing Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861). Baker's hymn is a recast of a George Herbert poem.

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.

John B. Dykes, 1868

Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA