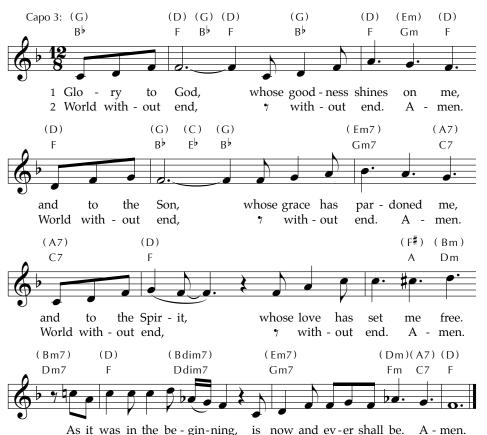
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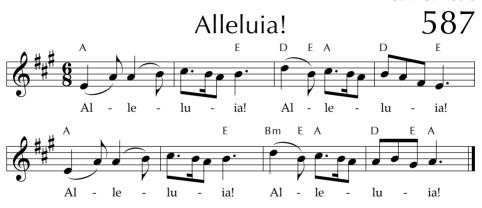


These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.

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### Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me





TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985

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## 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

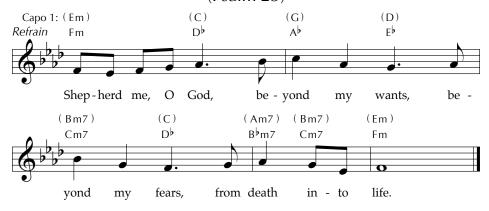


This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

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## Shepherd Me, O God

(Psalm 23)



Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition

#### PSALM 23

### Refrain

- 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.

Refrain

- 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 fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

  Refrain
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest 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. Refrain

#### PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, in the waters of Baptism you give us birth.

and at your table you nourish us with heavenly food.

In your goodness and mercy, lead us along safe paths, beyond the terrors of evil and death, to the house of the Lord where we may rest securely in you forever.

Amen.

For centuries no psalm has been better known or more beloved than Psalm 23. Although most people now have little occasion to encounter actual shepherds in daily life, this image remains a cherished and meaningful expression of reliance on God's faithful protection and provision.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, C709 MUSIC: Genevan Psaller, L1331

"Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.