

Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd

♩ = 40-52 *Calmly*

Duet

1. Dear to the heart of the Shep - herd, Dear are the sheep of his fold;
 2. Dear to the heart of the Shep - herd, Dear are the lambs of his fold;
 3. Dear to the heart of the Shep - herd, Dear are the "nine-ty and nine";
 4. Green are the pastures in - vit - ing; Sweet are the wa-ters and still.

Dear is the love that he gives them, Dear-er than sil-ver or gold.
 Some from the pas-tures are stray - ing, Hun-gry and help-less and cold.
 Dear are the sheep that have wan - dered Out in the des-ert to pine.
 Lord, we will an-swer thee glad - ly, "Yes, bless-ed Mas-ter, we will!"

Dear to the heart of the Shep - herd, Dear are his "oth - er" lost sheep;
 See, the Good Shep-herd is seek - ing, Seek-ing the lambs that are lost,
 Hark! he is ear-nest-ly call - ing, Ten-der-ly plead-ing to - day:
 Make us thy true un-der-shep - herds; Give us a love that is deep.

O - ver the moun-tains he fol - lows, O - ver the wa-ters so deep.
 Bring-ing them in with re - joic - ing, Saved at such in - fi - nite cost.
 "Will you not seek for my lost ones, Off from my shel-ter a - stray?"
 Send us out in - to the des - ert, Seek-ing thy wan-der-ing sheep."

Harmony
 Out in the des-ert they wan - der, Hun-gry and help-less and cold;

Off to the res-cue he has - tens, Bring-ing them back to the fold.
 we'll has - ten,

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Luke 15:4–7
 1 Peter 5:2–4