

For David Poulter and the choir of Chester Cathedral, England

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

SATB divisi, a cappella

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With a real sense of flow and movement

(opt. Solo) *mf*

Soprano

The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness fail-eth

nev-er; I noth-ing lack if I am his, and he is mine for

8 (end opt. Solo) *tutti* *mp*

Soprano

ev-er. Where streams of liv-ing

Alto

for ev-er-er. liv-ing

Tenor

he is mine for ev-er. streams of liv-ing

Bass

he is mine for ev-er. liv-ing

8 (for rehearsal only)

Keyboard

Chester Cathedral (Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary) is the mother church of the Diocese of Chester.

NOTE: In English churches, the choir stalls on the south side of the chancel are known as *Decani* (Latin: “of the Dean”), and the opposite side is known as *Cantoris*. In the Decani/Cantoris passage in measures 48-51, the *Cantoris* sections may be sung by a smaller ensemble as an “echo” effect for churches without divided choir stalls

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, and written in 1868; a paraphrase of Psalm 23 (PD).

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wa - ter flow, my ran-somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant

wa - ter, my ran - somed he lead - eth, and where ver - dant

wa - ter flow, my ran-somed soul — he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant

wa - ter, my ran - somed he lead - eth, and where ver - dant

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15

pas - tures grow, with food cel - es - tial feed - eth. —

pas - tures, with food cel - es - tial feed. *mf* Per -

pas - tures grow, with food cel - es - tial feed - eth. —

pas - tures, with food cel - es - tial feed. *mf* Per -

15

18 *mf*

but yet in love he sought me, and

verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and

mf

but yet in love he sought me, and

verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and

18

22

on his shoul - der gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing,

on his shoul - der gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing,

on his shoul - der gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing,

on his shoul - der gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing,

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25 *p*
brought me. In death with

mf
brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with

p
brought me. In death with

mf
brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with

25

28 *f*
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort still, thy

f
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod my com - fort,

f
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort still, thy

f
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod my com - fort,

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32 *rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

cross be - fore to guide me. Thou spread'st a ta - ble

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

cross be - fore to guide me. spread'st a

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

cross be - fore to guide. spread'st a ta - ble

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

cross be - fore to guide me. spread'st a

32 *rit.* *a tempo*

35

in my sight; thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

ta - ble; thy unc - tion be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

in my sight; thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

ta - ble; thy unc - tion be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

35

thy pure chal - ice flow

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of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth! *f* And

of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow *cresc.*

of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow *cresc.*

of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow *cresc.*

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of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow

42

eth!

so through all the length of days thy good - ness fail - eth *f*

eth! all the length of days thy good - ness fail - eth

eth!

f so through all the length of days thy good - ness fail - eth

f

eth! all the length of days thy good - ness fail - eth

42

45

*Decani** *Cantoris**

nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I sing thy praise with - in thy house, with -

nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I sing thy praise with - in thy house, with -

nev - er; Good Shep-herd, may — I sing thy praise with - in thy house, with -

nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I sing thy praise with - in thy house, with -

45

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Decani *tutti* *mf* *p*

in thy house, with - in thy house, with - in thy house for - ev - er.

mf *p*

in thy house, with - in thy house, with - in thy house for - ev - er.

mf *p*

in thy house, with - in thy house, with - in thy house for - ev - er.

mf *p*

in thy house, with - in thy house, with - in thy house for - ev - er.

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