

The Shepherd King

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 23:1-3 • Key: Bb major (final refrains modulate up to Db major) • 80 BPM • 4/4

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VERSE 1 (THE NEWBORN KING REVEALED AS THE SHEPHERD -- PS 23:1; PP, ROCKING, A WHISPERED LULLABY)

Bb **Bb**
Shepherd-King, gentle King,
Bb **Eb**
let the lullaby ring;
Bb **F** **Bb**
See the Shepherd the prophets foretold,
Bb **Bb** **F**
now the Child in the manger, behold;
Bb **Bb** **Bb**
With Him, I shall not want,
Eb **Bb** **F**
With Him, I shall not want.

VERSE 2 (GREEN PASTURES, STILL WATERS -- PS 23:2; SAME HUSH, TENDER)

Eb **Bb**
Green the pastures He gives,
Gm **Eb**
where the wearied soul lives;
Bb **Bb** **Eb** **Bb**
He will lay me down, safe in His keep,
Bb **Bb** **Dm**
by the still waters, gentle and deep;
Eb **F** **Bb**
There He leads me to rest,
Bb **Eb** **Eb**
There He leads me to rest.

VERSE 3 (PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE RESTORED SOUL -- PS 23:3; SOFTEST OF ALL, THE PEACEFUL RESOLVE)

Bb **Eb** **Bb**
When the day has grown long,

F **Eb** **Bb**
and the soul needs a song,

Bb **Eb** **Bb** **Bb**
He will lead in the paths that are right,

Bb **F** **Bb** **Bb**
for the sake of His name, through the night;

Bb **Eb**
He restoreth my soul,

Cm **Bb**
He restoreth my soul.