

Psalm 23

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.

Introduction

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems. The first system is an introduction for piano, with a treble and bass clef. The second system is the first verse: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." The words are placed below the treble clef staff. The music is in a psalm-tone style, with a reciting note on the underlined word "my" in "my shepherd". The third system contains four numbered refrains (1-4) for the cantor, each consisting of a single measure of music. The refrains are: 1) a chord of G3, Bb3, D4; 2) a chord of G3, Bb3, D4; 3) a chord of G3, Bb3, D4; 4) a chord of G3, Bb3, D4.

- (1) The Lord is my shepherd;
- (2) I shall not be in want.
- (3) He makes me lie down in green pastures
- (4) and leads me beside still waters. **R.**

- (1) He revives my soul
- (2) and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- (3) Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
- (4) for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R.**

- (1) You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
- (2) you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- (3) Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- (4) and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**