Shepherd of tender youth





Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth Through devious ways; Christ our triumphant king, We come Thy name to sing and here our children bring To join Thy praise.

Thou art our holy Lord, O all subduing Word, Healer of strife. Thou didst Thyself abase That from sin's deep disgrace Thou mightest save our race And give us life.

Thou art the great high priest; Thou hast prepared the feast Of holy love; and in our mortal pain, None calls on Thee in vain; help Thou dost not disdain, Help from above.

Ever be Thou our guide, our shepherd and our pride, Our staff and song; Jesus, Thou Christ of God, By Thine enduring Word lead us where Thou hast trod, Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die, sound we Thy praises high And joyful sing; infants and the glad throng Who to Thy church belong, unite to swell the song To Christ, our king.

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