



THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

All we've been studying about Christian Beliefs, all that is written about God's Plan, and all the teachings of Christ can be expressed in one word: "LOVE."

We all probably have felt that LOVE is just a way you felt toward one person — as a boyfriend feels toward a girlfriend — or as a mother feels toward her child. But soon we will begin to understand that the kind of love for which God created each of us must be toward ALL CREATED THINGS. The only true test of a Christian is simply — whether he is filled with love toward others. Look up some of these scriptures about God's kind of love:

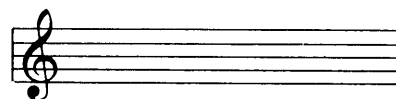
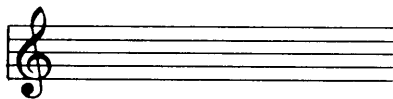
1 John 4:7	Leviticus 19:18
1 John 3:18	John 13:34, 35
1 John 3:14, 16	Psalm 23

The King of Love My Shepherd Is is taken from the 23rd Psalm — a Psalm written in Old Testament times when one of the best examples of God's love for persons living then was in the way a shepherd cared for his sheep — day after day — night after night. How many other settings of the 23rd Psalm do you know? Poetic settings of the several Psalms are called paraphrases.

Look through the indexes of your hymnal to see what other texts and tunes Dr. Baker has written. From 1857-1877, Dr. Baker was chairman of a committee compiling a new hymnal for the Anglican Church. Look at the copyright date of your own hymnal to see when it was compiled and by whom. Many of our denominations are preparing new hymnals right now . . .

Is yours? _____

Listen to the up and down movement of the melody. Does it fit the meaning of the words? Look at the notes to see how often they progress to the very next scale step. What effect does this give to the music? What two interesting rhythmic patterns do you find which keep the tune from being monotonous? Copy them here:



We've been learning through hymns — about Christian beliefs. As you read these words, see if the words of a hymn pop into your mind to help express *your* beliefs:

GOD JESUS HOLY SPIRIT BIBLE PRAYER CHURCH FAITH
HOPE LOVE

But most important of all we've learned that our **actions** must be based on the words we speak and the hymns we sing if "The King of Love" is really our shepherd!