

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd



Dear are the sheep
of his fold

**Dear is the love
that he gives them**



**Dearer than silver
or gold**

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Dear are his
"other" lost sheep

**Over the mountains
he follows**



**Over the waters so
deep**

**Out in the desert
they wander**



**Hungry and helpless
and cold**

**Off to the rescue he
hastens**



**Bringing them back
to the fold**

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Dear are the lambs
of his fold

**Some from the
pastures are straying**



**Hungry and
helpless and cold**

See the Good Shepherd is seeking



**Seeking the lambs
that are lost**

Bringing them in with rejoicing



**Saved at such
infinite cost**

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd



Dear are the "ninety
and nine"

**Dear are the sheep
that have wandered**



**Out in the desert to
pine**

**Hark! he is earnestly
calling**



**Tenderly pleading
today:**

**"Will you not seek
for my lost ones**



**Off from my shelter
astray?"**

**Green are the
pastures inviting**



**Sweet are the
waters and still**

**Lord we will
answer thee gladly**



**"Yes blessed Master
we will!"**

**Make us thy true
under-shepherds**



**Give us a love that
is deep**

Send us out into the desert



Seeking thy
wandering sheep"