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## LYRICS

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**Isaiah 40:11.** "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young."

**Ezekiel 34:2, 8-end.** "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ... "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock"— ... 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ... 14 "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick ... "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you *are* men, and I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

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Our LORD is the Good Shepherd, and shepherds don't let the sheep starve. Loving God does not dump dry, moldy hay in front of His sheep's hungry face.

### **CHORUS**

God with love calls, "Follow Me to a rich green pasture I've made."

Psalm 23 and Ezek'iel 34: Our loving Shepherd is The LORD.

LORD, You're my Strength, Comfort I follow.

Help me to obey You, my Shepherd.

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Our LORD offers us rich pastures, but He does not drag sheep there. Only baby sheep can ride His shoulder – Grown sheep choose if they'll follow. >> CHORUS

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The LORD provides for all our needs, if we choose to follow His Lead. He protects His sheep from wolves that want us, but can't touch us in God's shadow. >> CHORUS

### **New Living Translation: PSALM 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
- 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

**Song Story.** Lyrics set written a few days after a rather traumatic lightning storm outside a country church... I'd just played bass guitar with my band when the power went out... I had a lot of gear to pack up, so my band left; the members saw I was out of the building so they locked the door & left. The tiny parking lot left me with a choice of staying under a huge tree (aka "lightning rod"!) or big power lines on scrawny poles – while the horrendous winds came up & shook my van as rain blasted it.... Nothing for me to do but STAY & PRAY.... And God, my Good Shepherd, brought me through the storm to again come to still waters of Life.