

## O gracious Shepherd! bind us

1. O gracious Shepherd! bind us  
With cords of love to Thee,  
And evermore remind us  
How mercy set us free.  
O may Thy holy Spirit  
Keep this before our eyes,  
That we Thy death and merit  
Above all else may prize!

2. We are of God's salvation,  
Assured through Thy love  
Yet, ah! on each occasion,  
How faithless do we prove.  
Thou hast our sins forgiv'n—  
Then leaving all behind,  
We would press on to heav'n,  
Bearing the prize in mind.

3. Thus may we then, Lord! ever,  
While in this vale of tears,  
Look up to Thee, and never  
Give way to anxious fears.  
For Thou wilt not forsake us,  
Though we are oft to blame;  
O let Thy love, then, make us  
True to Thy faith and name!