

Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture

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Hymn to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges



1. Once a sheep was in a pas-ture with the oth-er nine-ty-nine.
2. Shep-herd, some-times we face trou-ble, far from oth-ers, far from you.
3. Like a shep-herd, Lord, you know us and the songs our spi-rits sing.
4. Shep-herd, by your love you find us, then you send us out in turn



Their good shep-herd loved those hun-dred, and he told them, "You are mine!"
There are dif-ferent ways we strug-gle, dif-ferent things that we can do.
You ac-cept us and you love us— and you know the gifts we bring.
to seek out all your be-lov-ed and to bring the wound-ed home.



As the hun-dred grazed to-geth-er, for some rea-son yet un-told,
There are times we're prone to wan-der; there are times we're pushed a-way.
With our sign-ing, with our voi-ces, with our hearts, may we ex-press:
As we lead and help each oth-er, as we ad-vo-cate and pray,



one found she was se-pa-ra-ted from the shep-herd, from the fold.
Shep-herd, by your love you find us— then in joy you ce-le-brate!
Shep-herd, by your love you find us— we are yours, and we are blessed!
may we shep-herd one a-noth-er on your faith-ful, lov-ing Way.



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