DEAR TO THE HEART OF THE SHEPHERD

A Collection of Hymns:

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. Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, Dear are His "other" lost sheep; Over the mountains He follows, Over the waters so deep.

Refrain

Out in the desert they wander, Hungry and helpless and cold; Off to the rescue He hastens, Bringing them back to the fold.

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd, 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.

Refrain

Dear to the heart of the Shepherd,
Dear are the Â"ninety and nineÂ";
Dear are the sheep that have wandered,
Out in the desert to pine.
Hark! He is earnestly calling,
Tenderly pleading today;
Â"Will you not seek for My lost ones,
Off from My shelter astray?Â"