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1 Thou Shepherd of Israel, and mine,  
The joy and desire of my heart,  
For closer communion I pine,  
I long to reside where thou art:  
The pasture I languish to find  
Where all, who their Shepherd obey,  
Are fed, on thy bosom reclined,  
And screened from the heat of the day.

2 Ah! show me that happiest place,  
The place of thy people's abode,  
Where saints in an ecstasy gaze,  
And hang on a crucified God;  
Thy love for a sinner declare,  
Thy passion and death on the tree:  
My spirit to Calvary bear,  
To suffer and triumph with thee.

3 'Tis there, with the lambs of thy flock,  
There only, I covet to rest,  
To lie at the foot of the rock,  
Or rise to be hid in thy breast;  
'Tis there I would always abide,  
And never a moment depart,  
Concealed in the cleft of thy side,  
Eternally held in thy heart.