

# Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture

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*Hymn to Joy*

Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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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