

## **SHELTER ME (A Prayer-Song for the COVID-19 Pandemic)**

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:  
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.  
You gave me rest by quiet springs  
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

REFRAIN: O shelter me, O shelter me:  
the way ahead is dark and difficult to see.  
O shelter me, O shelter me:  
all will be well if only you will shelter me.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;  
death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.  
I cannot find your peaceful place  
but dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

REFRAIN:

3. I will look back in days to come  
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.  
Within your house I'll find my peace,  
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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## Psalm 22 The Prayer of an Innocent Person

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Why so far from my call for help,  
from my cries of anguish?

My God, I call by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I have no relief.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the glory of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted and you rescued them.

To you they cried out and they escaped;  
in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

<sup>1</sup>But I am a worm, hardly human,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;  
they curl their lips and jeer;  
they shake their heads at me:

“He relied on the LORD—let him deliver him;  
if he loves him, let him rescue him.”

For you drew me forth from the womb,  
made me safe at my mother’s breasts.

Upon you I was thrust from the womb;  
since my mother bore me you are my God.

Do not stay far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.