

Was There Ever Kindest Shepherd?**By:Rev. Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)****From: Oratory Hymns, 1854****Tune:Cross of Jesus****Comp:Sir John Stainer, 1887****1)Was there ever kindest shepherd****Half so gentle, half so sweet,****As the Savior Who would have us****Come and gather round His feet?****2)Souls of men, why will ye scatter****Like a crowd of frightened sheep?****Foolish hearts, why will ye wander****From a love so true and deep?****3)There's a wideness in God's mercy****Like the wideness of the sea;****There's a kindness in His justice****Which is more than liberty.****4)There is no place where earth's sorrows****Are more felt than up in heaven;****There is no place where earth's failings****Have such kindly judgment given.****5)There is welcome for the sinner,****And more graces for the good;****There is mercy with the Savior;****There is healing in His blood.****6)There is plentiful redemption****In the blood that has been shed;****There is joy for all the members****In the sorrows of the Head.****7)For the love of God is broader****Than the measures of man's mind,****And the heart of the Eternal****Is most wonderfully kind.****8)If our love were but more simple,****We should take Him at His word,****And our lives would be all sunshine****In the sweetness of our Lord. Amen.**