

Shepherd

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CHORUS

Shepherd, feed my sheep
Keep them from all harm
Rain or cold, in the fold
Sheltered from the storm
Shepherd, guard my flock
Never let them roam
When they stray from their way
Guide them safely home.

Jacob was a shepherd tending Laban's rams and ewes
Laban tricked him so he first wed the daughter he did not choose
But Jacob prospered with his flock, beat Laban at his cheating game
Wrestled with an angel and he got himself a brand new name.

Moses was a shepherd; traded scepter for a shepherd's crook
Found a lamb that had strayed away to drink water from a distant brook
[spoken: And Moses said:]
"If I'd known you had such thirst, I'd have brought you here by my own hand" –
So Moses cared for Israel as he led them to the Promised Land.

David was a shepherd tending Jesse's flock
Watching for the prowling wolf, mindful of the hawk
When a lion came to steal a lamb, David slew him with his sling
That is how he guarded Israel, our sweet-singing shepherd-king.