

The Shepherd's Voice

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A flock of sheep can be seen grazing in a lush pasture
The gate in which they are held is large in size
Each lamb can distinctly recognize the voice of its master
It was through His gate that each sheep became His irreplaceable prize

The Great Shepherd is He with the calming, authoritative voice
When He speaks, He desires for each lamb to follow, all in unity
But one lamb lags behind, its mind needs to make a choice
For it's ears hear yet another voice; the sound is so interesting

The poor lonely lamb was listening to a thief, the Great Destroyer
The Shepherd saw the commotion and louder He raised His voice
"Follow me" He said, "and I will quench your thirst forever!"
The blind lamb then heard the thief's promise of freedom and great joy

The lamb's four legs shook as it stepped closer to the voice of the thief
The decision was made; the lamb completed its choice
Suddenly the knife of the thief swiped over the lamb's leg, it's cry increased
It made the wrong choice, why had it listened so intently to the wrong voice?

Feeling abandoned, the lamb lay bleeding, crying for its master
Lonely and shaking, the lamb just wanted to die
Where was the Great Shepherd? Was the lamb now in the thief's pasture?
The little lamb heard no voices; it knew death was neigh

Suddenly a peaceful voice pierced the quiet darkness
The Great Shepherd asked, "My child, why did you doubt?
I bought you with a great price, you mean to me so much more than this."
The lamb that was once shaking was now calm all about

Though the lamb was blind and did not know
It had been lying in the Shepherd's protecting arms
Though the scar the lamb received would always show
The lamb belonged to the shepherd, who desired safety and would protect from harm

We are the Lord's sheep, very special and priceless
We are blind and we too must make that choice
Which voice will you follow, your decision is not costless
If you find yourself alone, remember you are in the Shepherd's hands
Never lose the sound of His protecting voice!