

Great Shepherd of Thy Chosen Flock

John Newton, 1779.

Joseph Mainzer, ca. 1845.

Great Shepherd of Thy chosen flock,
Thy people's shield, their shadowing rock,
Once more we meet to hear Thy voice,
Once more before Thee to rejoice.

Now may Thy Spirit, by the Word,
Refresh each wearied heart, O Lord,
Wearied of earth's vain strife and woe,
And longing more Thyself to know.

Thine is the heart our griefs to feel,
And Thine the love each wound to heal;
Home Thou art gone for us to care,
Returning soon to take us there.