

Shepherd of Tender Youth  
Shepherd of Eager Youth  
Clement of Alexandria, ca. 200.  
Lowell Mason, 1831.

Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways; Christ our triumphant king,  
We come Thy name to sing and here our children bring  
To join Thy praise.

Thou art our holy Lord, O all subduing Word,  
Healer of strife. Thou didst Thyself abase  
That from sin's deep disgrace Thou mightest save our race  
And give us life.

Thou art the great high priest; Thou hast prepared the feast  
Of holy love; and in our mortal pain,  
None calls on Thee in vain; help Thou dost not disdain,  
Help from above.

Ever be Thou our guide, our shepherd and our pride,  
Our staff and song; Jesus, Thou Christ of God,  
By Thine enduring Word lead us where Thou hast trod,  
Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die, sound we Thy praises high  
And joyful sing; infants and the glad throng  
Who to Thy church belong, unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king.