Reading:- Luke CHapter 15

There was a Shepherd leading a lonely life, out on the hills.
He was often away for weeks at a time in search of pasture (grass).
At night he would make a fire, for comfort and protection from
wild beasts.

The Shepherd cared alot for his sheep, he knew each one by
name. He would lead them safely through the lonely and
mountainous country, looking after the weak ones and chasing
those sheep that strayed.

The Shepherd constantly cared for the sheep and was very kind
to them and he was very brave dealing with the wild animals
and the robbers who tried to steal his flock. The Shepherd
was always keeping a very watchful eye for sheep that strayed
away and was always very kind, loving and concerned for the
weak young sheep by day and night.

Jesus is likened to the Shepherd, and we are like the sheep,
he cares for us and he is sad when his sheep goes astray and
is full of joy and rejoicing when a stray sheep returns to
the fold.

Jesus is like the Good Shepherd who cares for all his sheep.

            The Lord is my shepherd,
            I shall no want;
            he makes me lie down in green pasture.
            He leads me beside still waters;
            he restores my soul.
            He leads me in paths of righteousness
            for his name's sake.

            Even though I walk through the
            valley of the shadow of death,
            I fear no evil;
            for thou art with me;
            thy rod and thy staff,
            they comfort me.

            Thou preparest a table before me
            in the presence of my enemies;
            thou anointest my head with oil,
            my cup overflows.
            Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
            all the days of my life;
            and I shall dwell in the house of
            the Lord forever.

                                23rd Psalm