

In memoriam Alexander William Giffen, 1985 October 14 – 2019 October 25
Kind spirit, gentle soul, devoted friend, loving heart, beloved son

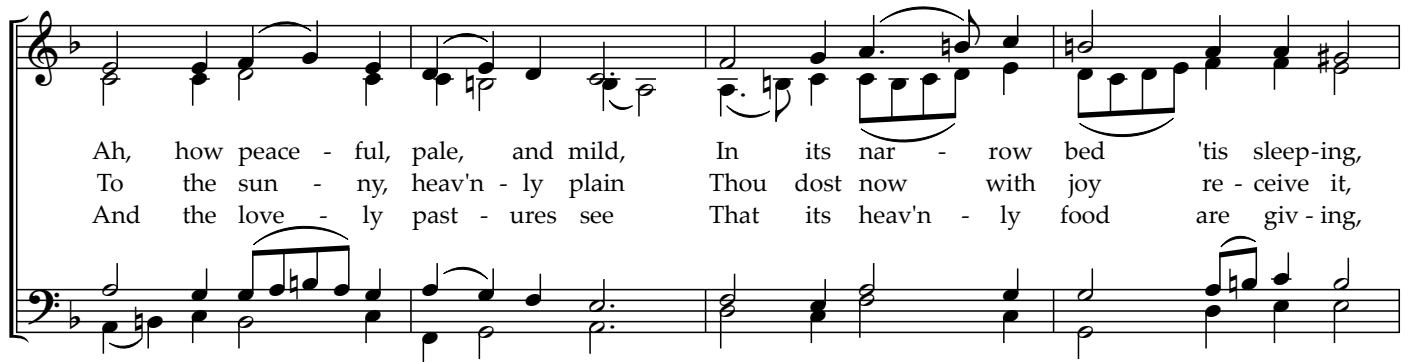
Gentle Shepherd, Thou hast stilled

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Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1868)


Tune: O'CONNELL (78. 78. 77)
Music: Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940)



1 Gen - tle Shep - herd, Thou hast stilled Now Thy lit - tle lamb's brief weep-ing;
2 In this world of care and pain, Lord, Thou would'st no long - er leave it;
3 Ah, Lord Je - sus, grant that we Where it lives may soon be liv - ing,



Ah, how peace - ful, pale, and mild, In its nar - row bed 'tis sleep-ing,
To the sun - ny, heav'n - ly plain Thou dost now with joy re - ceive it,
And the love - ly past - ures see That its heav'n - ly food are giv - ing,



And no sigh of an - guish sore Heaves that lit - tle bos - om more.
Clothed in robes of spot - less white, Now it dwells with Thee in light.
Then the gain of death we prove Though Thou take what most we love.

Revisions of May 2022 and August 2023 in memory of the children and teachers killed in the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on 24 May 2022.

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The hymn tune O'CONNELL is named for the late Thomas P. O'Connell, founder of the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson, Wisconsin.

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