

Shepherd of Tender Youth

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Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-5. Chords: F, Edim, F, Gmin7, C7, Amin, C7, F, C, F, G7. Measure 5 has a fingering '5' above the treble clef.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 6-10. Chords: C, D7, Gmin7, C7, F. Measure 10 has a fingering '10' above the treble clef.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 11-15. Chords: Edim, F7, Bb, Bdim7, F, Dmin7, C7, F.

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 shout 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.

Clement Of Alexandria

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.

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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.

Words: Attributed to Clement of Alexandria (Titus Flavius Clemens), circa 200
This is probably the oldest Christian hymn whose author is known.