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Shepherd of Thy blood-bought sheep,
Teach the stony hearts to weep;
Let the blind have eyes to see,
See themselves, and look to Thee.

Where Thou hast Thy work begun,
Give new strength the race to run;
Scatter darkness, doubts, and fears;
Wipe away the mourner's tears.

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---Alternative verses---
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