**“Sheter Me” by Michael Joncas**

“Shelter Me” -- is my attempt as a church composer to find God’s presence even in these fraught times. Based on the beloved Psalm 23, my paraphrase adapts the psalmist’s sentiments to respond to our present anxieties:

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by. You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

REFRAIN: O shelter me, O shelter me:
The way ahead is dark and difficult to see. O shelter me, O shelter me:
All will be well if only you will shelter me.

1. Yet now I tread a diff’rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day. I cannot find your peaceful place
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

1. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home. Within your house I’ll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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