## A Time For Cutting Off

When the wool of the sheep
Becomes long and thick,
And is matted with many
A burr and stick,
And the mud and the grime
From the places he's lain
Cling to his coat,
Leaving many a stain,

The weight of it all

May hold the sheep down,

Making it hard

To get up off the ground.

When this sorry state

By the shepherd is seen,

He moves in short order
To shear the sheep clean.

This is not very pleasant

For either one,

But both are relieved

When the shearing is done.

So it is with my Shepherd

And His care, I see.

He "shears off" that

Which cumbers me!

When it's cleanly "cut off,"

I can walk away

From those things that staggered

Me, day after day!

"He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness
for His name's sake."
Psalm 23:3

"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us."

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 15:3

