

## Devoted Obedience

The sheep dog is a special kind  
Whose greatest joy of all  
Is following his shepherd's voice  
At each command and call.  
He guards the flock with carefulness  
From dangers close at hand,  
And helps to bring them, strays and all,  
Into fresh pastureland.  
Nothing grieves the sheep dog more  
Than ignoring his owner's desire  
By racing off to chase teasing crows,  
Or leaping at sparks of fire;  
Which brings reproach from his master  
For neglecting his given chore.  
And no tingle of joy is sweeter than  
Being back in his arms once more!

And should not such loyal care be ours  
Concerning our Shepherd's own,  
Whether they stay close with the flock,  
Or wander in danger alone?

Even lambs  
That go astray  
May lead other  
Lambs away!



"Take heed  
therefore unto  
yourselves, and  
to all the flock."  
Acts 20:28



"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11