



The veil of sense hangs dark be - tween Thy bless - ed face and mine.
And earth has ne'er so dear a spot As where I meet with Thee.
Thine im - age ev - er fills my thought, And charms my rav - ished soul.
I love Thee, dear - est Lord, and will, Un - seen, but not un-known.



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Shepherd of Tender Youth

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CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA, (?) c. 200
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Musical notation for the first stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in love and truth,
2. Thou art our ho - ly Lord, The all - sub - du - ing Word,
3. Thou art the great High Priest; Thou hast pre-pared the feast
4. Ev - er be Thou our Guide, Our Shepherd and our pride,

Musical notation for the second stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Through de - vious ways; Christ our tri - um - phant King,
Heal - er of strife; Thou didst Thy - self a - base,
Of heaven - ly love; While in our mor - tal pain
Our staff and song; Je - sus, Thou Christ of God,

Musical notation for the third stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

We come Thy name to sing, Hith - er our chil-dren bring To shout Thy praise.
That from sin's deep dis-grace Thou mightest save our race, And give us life.
None calls on Thee in vain; Help Thou dost not dis - dain, Help from a - bove.
By Thy per - en - nial word, Lead us where Thou hast trod, Make our faith strong.

The earliest Christian hymn extant.