

There Were Ninety and Nine

The Ninety and Nine, Irregular

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1. There were ninety and nine that safe - ly lay In the shel - ter of the
 2. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy nine-ty and nine; Are they not e - nough for
 3. But none of the ransomed ev - er knew How deep were the wa - ters
 4. "Lord, whence are these blood-drops all the way That mark out the mountain's
 5. But all through the mountains, thunder-riv - en, And up from the rock - y



fold, But one was out on the hills a-way, Far, far from the gates of
 Thee?" But the Shepherd made answer: "One of Mine Has wandered a - way from
 crossed, Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through Ere He found His sheep that was
 track?" "They were shed for one who had gone astray, Ere the Shepherd could bring him
 steep, There rose a cry to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice, I have found My



gold— A - way on the mountains wild and bare, A - way from the ten - der
 Me, And al - though the road be rough and steep, I go to the desert to
 lost. Far out in the des - ert He heard its cry— Fainting and help - less and
 back." "Lord, why are Thy hands so rent and torn?" "They are pierced tonight by
 sheep!" And the an - gels sang a-round the throne, "Re-joice, for the Lord brings



Shep-herd's care, A - way from the ten - der Shep - herd's care.
 find My sheep, I go to the des - ert to find My sheep."
 ready to die, Faint - ing and help - less and ready to die.
 many a thorn, They are pierced to - night by many a thorn."
 back His own! Re - joice, for the Lord brings back His own!"

