

There Were Ninety and Nine

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1. There were nine - ty and nine that safe - ly lay In the shel - ter of the fold,
2. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; Are they not e - nough for Thee?"
3. But none of the ran-somed ev - er knew How deep were the wa - ters crossed,
4. "Lord, whence are these blood-drops all the way That mark out the moun-tain's track?"
5. But all through the moun-tains, thun - der riv'n, And up from the rock - y steep,



But one was out on the hills a - way, Far, far from the gates of gold—
But the Shepherd made an - swer: "One of Mine Has wan - dered a - way from Me,
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed through Ere he found His sheep that was lost.
"They were shed for one who had gone a - stray, Ere the Shep - herd could bring him back."
There rose a cry to the gate of heaven, "Re - joice, I have found My sheep!"



A - way on the moun - tains wild and bare, A - way from the ten - der Shep - herd's care,
And al - though the road be rough and steep, I go to the des - ert to find My sheep,
Far out in the des - ert He heard its cry— Faint - ing and helpless and rea - dy to die,
"Lord, why are Thy hands so rent and torn?" "They are pierced to - night by man - y a thorn,
And the an - gels sang a - round the throne, "Re - joice, for the Lord brings back His own!



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They are pierced to - night by man - y a thorn."
Re - joice, for the Lord brings back His own!"