

117. DOST THOU LOVE ME?

1. "Dost thou love Me?" the Sav - iour said To
 2. It is no art in peace - ful days Our
 3. The Lord be - holds us in our grief, And
 4. The com - mon an - swer that we hear, And

Pe - ter, His true serv - ant, When o'er the fold He
 love to be re - veal - ing, When all is well with
 asks in true af - fec - tion, "Dost thou love Me, my
 oft in deep - est sad - ness, "Thou know - est, Lord, I

gave him charge And His di - vine com - mand - ment. The
 life and soul, When here no wolves are rag - ing. But
 fol - low - er, In sor - row and af - flic - tion? Though
 hold Thee dear, Thou art my Joy and Glad - ness." And

Sav - iour did him thus re - mind That scorn and
 when the e - vil days ap - pear, When tri - als,
 grief may press on ev - 'ry side, Will yet thy
 then the Lord doth ask a - gain, "Wilt thou love

tri - als he would find, E'en death and per - se -
 grief and pain draw near, Will yet our love be
 love in Me a - bide? Wilt thou in the per - se -
 Me a - mid great pain? Will in the fier - y

cu - tion Would be the shep - herd's por - tion.
 fer - vent, A - bid - ing as His serv - ant?
 cu - tion Still keep thy firm de - vo - tion?"
 tri - al Thy love know no de - ni - al?"

5. "Then, follow Me, and feed My sheep
 On pastures green and pleasant,
 And o'er them faithful vigil keep,
 For wolves are always present;
 Preserve and guide them on their way
 That leads through death to endless day,
 In love for them here living
 And for them your life giving."
6. The faithful shepherds do not flee
 When hungry wolves are nearing;
 Ah, no, their duty then they see
 Unto their sheep adhering.
 Their sheep will follow after them
 When first they here the Cross of shame
 Upon their backs have taken,
 And shame leaves them unshaken.
7. Afflictions here on earth abound
 And burdens we must carry.
 Through Jesus' death we shall attain
 The kingdom of His glory.
 Through many conflicts we must go,
 And bear our mutual grief and woe,
 For trials oft are given,
 Whereby our faith is proven.