The King of Love

Verse 1
The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

Verse 4
In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee dear Lord beside me.
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

about this hymn:
Long ago, a man named Henry Baker was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words a hymn called “The King of Love” We’re going to learn two verses from it.

God’s people praise God for being the King of love. He is their king who they obey. It is delightful having Him as their king because all that He does comes from His heart of love for them and for the glory of His name. He takes care of them like a good shepherd does his sheep. Sheep are very stupid and need someone to take care all of their needs or else they will die. God does this for His people. They lack nothing; His goodness never fails them; even when facing death, they still fear nothing “ill” because He is with them. God’s people know God will care for them after death by taking them to heaven to be with Him forever. We can become God’s people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
King
Right “K” hand, palm facing left. Touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.

Love
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

Shepherd
Back of right “V” hand is placed on back of left forearm. Open and close right “V” fingers as they move up left forearm.

Goodness
Fingers of right flat hand are placed at lips, then brought forward. Some end this sign by resting the right hand in the upturned palm of the left flat hand.

Never
Open, right hand, palm facing forward and fingers together, makes a short semi-circle out to the right, then moves straight down, similar to the shape of a question mark.

I
Point to self with right index finger.

Lack
Extended index finger of right hand, palm facing forward, is struck against left middle finger and continues a bit further down.

He
Point right index finger forward and up (for God).

Forever
Downturned right “Y” hand moves up and away from body.
The King of Love, v.4

Death’s
Clap the right hand on top of the left hand several times.

Fear
Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.

Ill
Both “X” hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.

Thee
Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.

Beside
Hold flat hands together in front of chest, fingertips pointing outward. Move right hand to the right a short distance.

Rod, Staff
Fingers of right “F” hand, palm facing down, touch fingers of left “F” hand, palm facing body. Right “F” hand is then brought up and to the right, as if tracing the length of a staff.

Comfort
Rub right curved hand over back of left curved hand. Then rub left curved hand over back of right curved hand.

Cross
Middle, bent finger of right “S” hand touches middle of left open palm, palms facing each other. Then middle, bent finger of left “S” hand touches middle of right open palm, palms facing each other.

Guide
Right hand grasps fingers of left flat hand and leads it forward a short distance.
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul,  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of death,  
I will fear no evil,

*Why? For You are with me.*  
*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

You prepare a table before me,  
in the presence of my enemies,  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me,  
All of the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD,  
forever and ever and ever.  
Psalm Twenty-three.

**about this Bible verse:**  
Words: adapted from Psalm 23, ESV  
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These verses remind us that God loves His people and cares for their needs completely, just like a good shepherd loves and takes care of his sheep.
The LORD Is My Shepherd: Psalm 23:1-6

Shepherd
Back of right "V" hand is placed on back of left forearm. Open and close right "V" fingers as they move up left forearm.

Want
Right "X" hand, is thrust up and down a few times.

Lie Down
Arms are folded across chest, palms facing the body.

Pastures
Open right hand, palm towards face, moves up under mouth and nose several times.

Waters
Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times.

Soul
Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.

Paths
Flat hands, palms facing each other, move forward and progressively closer.

Name's
Index and middle finger of right "N" hand are brought down to rest on index and middle finger of left "N" hand. Both sets of fingers are pointing outward diagonally.

Walk
Right flat hand is placed in front of left flat hand, both palms facing down. Hands alternate move back and forth.
Death
Hold both flat hands in front of body with fingertips pointing forward, right flat hand palm up and left flat hand palm down. Flip both over towards the left until the right palm is face down and the left palm is face up.

Evil
Both “X” hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.

Me
Point to self with right index finger.

Enemies
Index fingers point and touch in front of chest, palms facing body, then are pulled sharply out to each side. Then make flat hands, palms facing each other and move them down simultaneously.

Head
Fingertips of right bent hand are placed against right temple then moved downward in an arc until fingertips touch jaw.

Cup
Pinky side of right “C” hand rests on palm of upturned, open left hand.

Days
Tap thumb of right “5” hand on forehead a few times.

Dwell
Upturned thumbs of “A” hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

Forever
Downturned right “Y” hand moves up and away from body.
If God Is For Us

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He did not spare his own Son,
But gave him up for us all,
How will he not also with him, Graciously give us all things?
How will he not also with him, Graciously give us all things?
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress,
Persecution, famine, nakedness?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors,
Through him who loved us.
Neither life nor death, nor anything else
Will separate us from God’s love in Christ.
Romans Eight, thirty-one and two,
thirty-five, thirty-seven. through nine.

about this Bible verse:                                                   Words: adapted from Romans 8:31-32,35,37-39, ESV   Music: Constance Dever ©2015

God’s people will have to face many kinds of difficulties and even enemies as they live for God. Sometimes it may feel like too much is against them and they cannot keep winning the fight to live for God. But, while they may be too weak to fight and win, God is not. He ALWAYS wins. And He at work in them can give them everything they need to fight and win. They need never doubt this. Why, God already gave up His Son, Jesus, to die for their sins and save them. Will He not give them whatever else they will need? Yes, of course!

God will always love His people and be with His people. Yes, there may be some very difficult things that they face. But even the most difficult things in this life...even death itself...will NEVER separate God’s people from their loving Father in heaven. He bought them through the death of His only and only Son, Jesus. They are His dear people. He sets limits on what difficulties they will have to go through here on earth. He makes sure to give them everything they need to endure them. And one day, they will leave this world and go to live with Him, face-to-face. Never, ever will anything keep them from His very presence for all of eternity.
God
Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a “B” hand at the upper chest level.

Us
Right index finger touches right shoulder, then moves left touch left shoulder.

Against
Right “G” hand, index finger pointing left, is brought close to left “G” hand, index finger pointing right, without touching.

He
Point right index finger forward and up (for God).

Not
Thumb and index fingers of downturned right “S” hand are placed on sides of downturned “S” hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.

Own
Fingertips of both bend hands are placed on chest.

Gave Up
Both “A” hands are held in front of body, palms facing down. Bring both hands up simultaneously while forming open hands, palms facing forward.

Us All
Touch mouth with index finger of right W hand a couple times (sign for water). Then move both hands horizontally, with fingers & thumb spread apart. Move hands downwards as you wiggle your fingers in short stages.

Graciously
Touch lips with fingertips of both flat hands, then move hands forward until palms are facing upward.
Things
Both flat hands, palms facing up, are lowered in front of chest, then moved slightly out to each side.

Separate
Both “A” hands touch in front of body at the knuckles, then are thrust apart.

Love
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

Christ
Right “C” hand is placed at right shoulder then moved down across chest, ending at right hip.

Tribulation, Distress
“5” hands, palms facing inward and middle fingers bend forward, alternate moving towards and away from chest several times.

Famine
Fingertips of right “C” hand, palm facing body, is placed on upper mid chest and moved down a short distance.

Conquerors
Right “S” hand is placed across left “S” hand then brought over and down a bit.

Death
Hold both flat hands in front of body with fingertips pointing forward, right flat hand palm up and left flat hand palm down. Flip both over towards the left until the right palm is face down and the left palm is face up.

Anything Else
Thumb of right “A” hand leads in tracing an s-shaped curve in front of the body. Then, open up the right hand, palm facing up and drop it slightly a few times as it moves to the right.
Who Shall Separate Us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (No one!)  
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (No one!)  
Shall tribulation? No!  
Shall distress? No!  
Persecution, famine, nakedness? No!  
Danger or sword? No!  
In all these things we are more than conquerors,  
Through Him who loved us,  
For I am sure that neither death nor life,  
Nor anything else in all creation,  
Will be able to separate us from the love of God  
In Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans Eight, thirty-five, eight and nine.

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Who Shall Separate Us?: Romans 8:35,38,39

**Who**
Right thumb touches chin. Right index finger is wiggled up and down rapidly several times while lips from “Who.”

**Separate**
Both “A” hands touch in front of body at the knuckles, then are thrust apart.

**Us, We**
Right index finger touches right shoulder, then moves left touch left shoulder.

**Love, Loved**
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

**Christ**
Right “C” hand is placed at right shoulder then moved down across chest, ending at right hip.

**Tribulation, Distress**
“S” hands, palms facing inward and middle fingers bend forward, alternate moving towards and away from chest several times.

**Famine**
Fingertips of right “C” hand, palm facing body, is placed on upper mid chest and moved down a short distance.

**Danger**
Left closed hand is held in front of body, knuckles facing right. Back of right “A” thumb is moved over the back of the left hand and up.

**No**
Index and middle finger of right “N” hand are held above extended right thumb, forming an “O”.

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Who Shall Separate Us?: Romans 8:35,38,39, continued

Things
Both flat hands, palms facing up, are lowered in front of chest, then moved slightly out to each side.

Conquerors
Right “S” hand is placed across left “S” hand then brought over and down a bit.

Death
Hold both flat hands in front of body with fingertips pointing forward, right flat hand palm up and left flat hand palm down. Flip both over towards the left until the right palm is face down and the left palm is face up.

Life
Upturned thumbs of “A” hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

All
Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.

Creation
Both “5” hands, palms side down, are held in front of the body then spread outward and slightly up.

God
Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a “B” hand at the upper chest level.

Jesus
Middle, bent finger of right “S” hand touches middle of left open palm, palms facing each other. Then middle, bent finger of left “S” hand touches middle of right open palm, palms facing each other.

Lord
Both “X” hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.
**The King of Love, vs.1,4**

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
2. None other has such9 love, none other will provide for me.
3. He is mine forever, my cross before, my house for ever.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
5. Thy rod and staff, my comfort still, I sing Thy praise with wonder.
6. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.

Words: Henry W. Baker, Psalm 23  Music: Traditional Irish Melody
The LORD Is My Shepherd

G#/A  C#/D  G#/A  C#/D  E7

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lay down in green pastures, He

5  G#/A  C#/D  G#/A  E7  G#/A  C#/D  G#/A

leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul, He leads me in paths of

10  C#/D  G#/A  E7  C#/D  G#/A

righteousness, for His name's sake, Though I walk through the valley of the

14  C#/D  G#/A  C#/D  E7

shadow of death, I will fear no evil. Why? For you are with

18  G#/A

me! Your rod and your staff they comfort me! You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil,

22  C#/D  G#/A  C#/D  E7  G#/A  C#/D

My cup overflows. Surely good-ness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my
life. And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever and ever and ever. Psalm Twenty-three.

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If God Is for Us?

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all. How will He not also with Him, graciously give us all things? How will He not also with Him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us, from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress? Persecution, famine, nakedness? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us. Neither life nor death nor anything else, will separate us from God’s love in Christ.

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