

GREEN PASTURES

Traditional Southern Gospel based on a hymn composed by Isaac Watts; **DATE:** 1709; **CATEGORY:** Fiddle and Instrumental Tunes; **RECORDING INFO:** Emmylou Harris with Gillian Welch and David Rawlings on *Down From The Mountain* from the movie, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* **NOTES:** This graceful hymn dates back to 1709, being composed by Isaac Watts. Its original title was "The Hopes of Heaven Our Support Under Trials on Earth" which was shortened to the title in the hymnal, "Saints Delight." Among the folk song community, the song is probably better known as "Green Pastures." Congregations in Southern Appalachia have sung this song for well over 200 years, following the melody and harmony in their "shape-note" hymnals.

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G C G D
 Troubles and trials often betray those, Out in the weary body to stray
 G C G D G
 But we shall walk beside the still waters, With the Good Shepherd leading the way.

Those who have strayed were sought by the Master
 He who once gave His life for the sheep
 Out on the mountain still He is searching
 Bringing them in forever to keep.

Going up home to live in green pastures
 Where we shall live and die never more
 Even the Lord will be in that number
 When we shall reach that heavenly shore.

We will not heed the voice of the stranger
 For he would lead us to despair
 Following on with Jesus our Saviour
 We shall all reach that country so fair.
 (Repeat 3rd verse)