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He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.
*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
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- Psalm 23



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