

Psalm 23

Franz Schubert (1797 – 1828)

This setting of the twenty-third psalm (*The Lord is my shepherd*) was written for the four Frölich sisters to sing at a musical evening which Anna, the eldest, had organised for her singing pupils. Schubert used the German translation made by the distinguished philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, grandfather of the composer Felix. The piece rapidly became a great favourite with the Viennese musical public, and was soon published by Diabelli, who some ten years previously had provided the theme for Beethoven's wonderful Diabelli Variations for piano.

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