

## A 23RD PSALM FOR TODAY'S KIDS

*A Rhythmically Augmented Psalm (RAP)*

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You are **Lord**  
God **Al-mighty**,  
Maker of **Heaven**  
Maker of **Earth**,  
You knew my name  
Before my **birth**.  
Now as a shepherd  
You **watch** over me.  
And **all** I need  
**You** give to me.

You find me **drink**;  
You find me **rest**...  
Where air is **clean**,  
Winds are **warm**,  
Water is **pure**,  
I'm safe from **harm**.  
Then you show me  
How to do  
Every thing  
That **honors** You.

In **dark** alleys,  
Shadows of **death**,  
I have no **panic**,  
I have no **fear**,  
I am **safe!**  
You are **near**,  
**Close** to me,  
There You **stay**,  
**Guard-ing, guid-ing**,  
**All** the way.

When **surrounded**  
On **every** side  
By **every** evil  
And **scary** time —  
**Alcohol!**  
**Drugs!**  
**Violence!**  
**Crime!**  
Then **You hug** me  
In Your **arms**,  
Hold me **tightly**,  
**Safe** from harm.

**Every** day  
Of my life,  
**Goodness, Love,**  
**All** you give  
Follow me.  
I will live  
In Your **home**.  
I will stay  
There with **You**  
And **never** stray.

**A-men,**  
**A-men,**  
**A-men,**  
**A—men!**

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