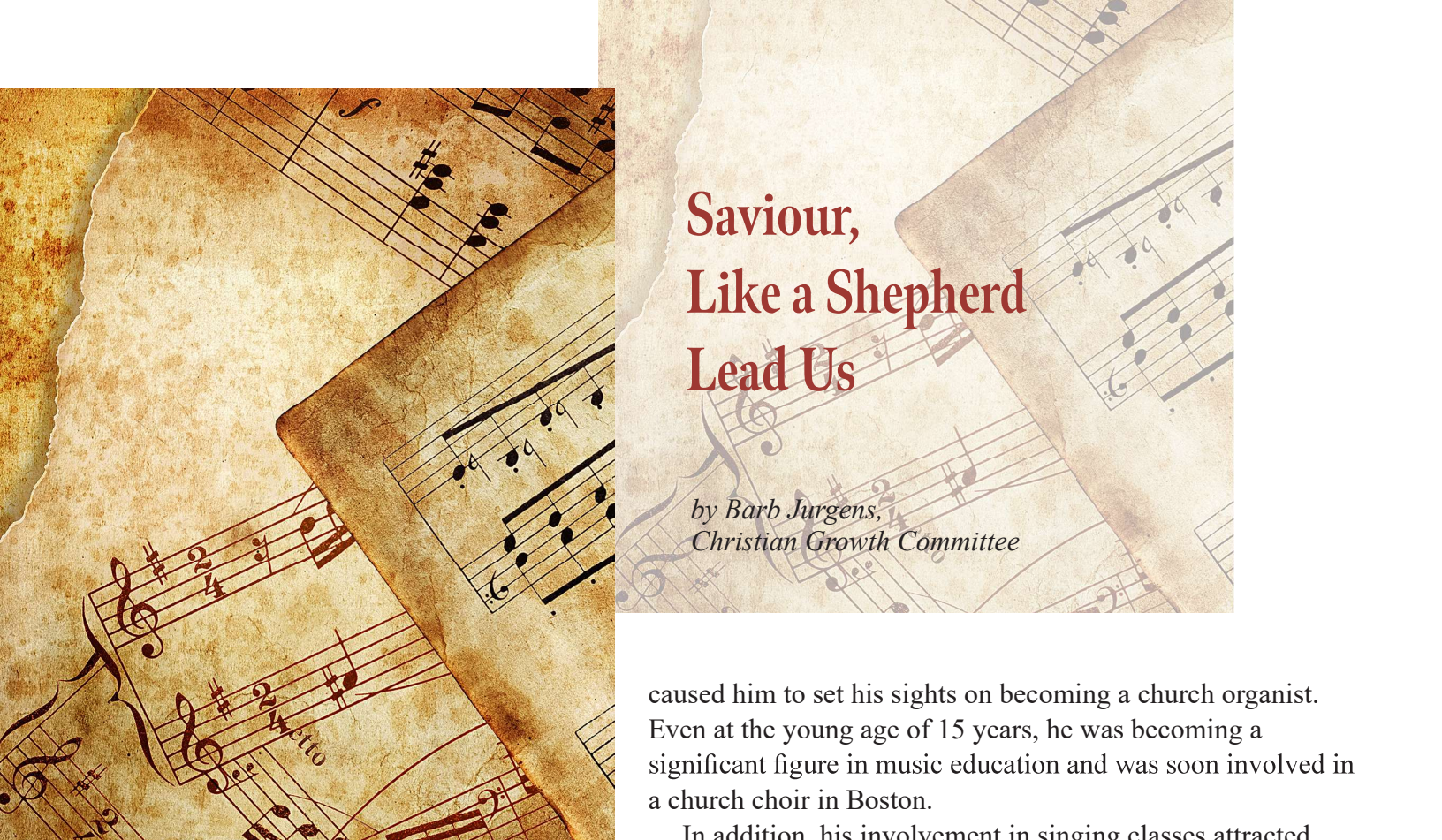




Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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SAVIOUR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

by William Bradbury

*Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
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This is the first of the four verses of this hymn. Although its text can be found in a collection entitled “Hymns for the Young” (1846), we have learned that the melody was also written by William B. Bradbury.

Born in 1816, in Maine, USA, William Bradbury came from a musical family. In fact, his father was a church choir leader. William’s early exposure to church music

caused him to set his sights on becoming a church organist. Even at the young age of 15 years, he was becoming a significant figure in music education and was soon involved in a church choir in Boston.

In addition, his involvement in singing classes attracted numerous children and he fostered in them a love of music and worship.

He found further success as he traveled to Germany to study harmony and composition of sacred music. There, he used his musical knowledge to put together additional melodies, which delighted children then and still do today.

Some of the hymns put together with his musical scores include the following:

Jesus Loves Me, LSB 588

Just As I Am, LSB 570

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, LSB 576

Later in life, and perhaps encouraged by the interest of his followers in musical accompaniment, he founded a piano company in New York.

His contributions to Christian hymnody continue to bring comfort and inspiration to believers worldwide.

We pray:

Dear Lord, we thank you for providing us today with instructors, like Bradbury, who are helping the students in their care to know you and to grow in their faith. In Your most Holy Name we pray. Amen.



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