

## **Gentle Shepherd**

*When my soul felt crushed and in anguish, I could imagine myself as a trembling lamb being held close by a tender-hearted shepherd. Like the painting on the cover, I moved in close to the Shepherd as He gently turned to me. When I ran away, He waited. He didn't force His presence. Nor did He demand things. He invited, beckoned, opened His arms, and softly called. How could I resist His love? He offered grace and truth. That is why I surrendered my life to Him. I adore Him!*

**Dedication** *I dedicate this CD to my music teachers who have poured their training into me—Mrs. Highnote (piano), Dr. Florence Caylor and Mr. Harry Tarr (elementary and high school orchestra), Mr. Kalman (junior high cello), Mr. Botso Korisheli (pictured, bottom) (County Youth Symphony), Mr. Geoffrey Rutkowski (UCSB cello), Dr. Paul Setziol (De Anza College, 2 years of music theory), Dr. Mark Hulse and Amy Heumann (voice), and Joe Howard (children's music and piano). I appreciate your passion for excellence in music and your wonderful encouragement!*

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**Thank you to my favorite worship leaders and songwriters** *who have been marvelous examples to me over and over—John Fischer, Michael Card, Twila Paris, Annie Herring, Bob Fitts, Graham Kendrick, Steven Curtis Chapman, Brian Doerksen...and so many more!*

**How grateful I am to my parents** *who gave me piano and cello lessons and enveloped our lives in treasured classical music such as Bach, Handel, Beethoven, Dvorak, and Vivaldi. They opened up our eyes to the beauty of string trios and quartets, concertos, organ music, Tijuana Brass, and multitudes of other musical miracles. In our little family orchestra we also played some of the famous classical and Broadway hits.*

### **Please read before listening:**

*If you have been seriously abused, please listen to this CD first with a prayer minister, therapist, or pastor, if possible. It has surfaced emotional pain and memories in some listeners. If you are not in counseling and listen to this and find yourself recalling abuse or having strong emotions, please get help. I want you to be safe!*