

“The Earth is my Mother”

A nonreligious alternative to Psalm 23 ('The Lord is my shepherd')
(Keith Martin, April 2020)

The Earth is my mother and final resting place. Soon I shall no longer have pain, needs or wants.

Mother Earth invites me to end my life in green pastures; she leads me to the still waters.

She welcomes my soul after a life of goodness.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For the love of family and friends is with me and will comfort me.

My loved ones will remember and celebrate me for the rest of their lives.

Surely goodness and mercy will live on in their lives, and I will dwell in the warmth of their hearts for a long time, or at least until their journeys end.

(can be read to a nonreligious friend or family member who is dying)