

Keeping an Eye on Our Flock

The shepherd in William Blake’s poem protects and cares for the sheep in his flock. There aren’t too many shepherds in the United States today, but lots of people have jobs where they help people or animals. In this activity you will think about some of today’s caring professions. When you are finished, you will choose one and write a poem about it, inspired by William Blake.

Directions: Think of four professions that include caring for other people. Fill in the chart with whom they care for, how, and why it’s important. (**Hint:** you could write about teachers, nurses, vets, baby-sitters, etc.)

PROFESSION	WHOM THEY CARE FOR	WHAT WORK THEY DO	WHY IT’S IMPORTANT
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Write Now!

Now, on a separate piece of paper, pick one of the jobs you listed above and write a poem about how those professionals help others.