

# Psalm 137

"When as we sat in Babylon"

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1. When as we sat in Ba - by - lon, the riv - ers round a - bout,  
2. Then they to whom we pris' - ners were, said to us taunt - ing - ly:  
3. But yet if I Je - ru - sa - lem out of mine heart let slide,

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And in re - mem - brance of Zi - on the tears for grief burst out:  
Now let us hear your He - brew song, and pleas - ant me - lo - dy.  
Then let my fin - gers quite for - get the war - bling harp to guide.

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we hanged our harps and in - stru - ments, the wil - low trees up - on:  
A - las said we, who can once frame, his sorr' - ful heart, to sing  
And let my tongue with - in my mouth, be tied for ev - er fast:

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For in that place men for their use had plant - ed man - y one,  
The prais - es of our lov - ing God, thus un - der a strange King?  
If that I joy, be - fore I see thy full de - liv' - rance past.