

# Along the Streams of Babylon, in Sadness

Psalm 137

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1. A - long the streams of Bab - y - lon, in sad - ness  
2. How shall we sing the LORD's song in our an - guish  
3. Re - mem - ber, LORD, how E - dom showed no pit - y  
4. O Bab - y - lon, de - stroy - er, God shall smite you!

We sat and wept, re - mem - b'ring Zi - on's glad - ness,  
When in a for - eign land we mourn and lan - guish?  
That day when Bab - y - lon razed Zi - on's cit - y,  
How hap - py he, ap - point - ed to re - quite you

And on the wil - lows there we hung our lyre,  
Je - ru - sa - lem, for love of you I cry;  
How E - sau's sons re - joiced and said to them,  
With all the e - vil you to us have done!

For there our cap - tors did our songs re - quire;  
My right hand with - er if I you de - ny.  
"Tear down, tear down all of Je - ru - sa - lem.  
May all man - kind your lone - ly ru - ins shun.

While we la - ment - ed, joy and mirth they want - ed.  
 My mouth be dumb if ev - er I for - get you,  
 De - stroy and raze it down to its foun - da - tions!"  
 How hap - py he who shall, de - void of pit - y,

"Sing for us one of Zi - on's songs!" they taunt - ed.  
 If not a - bove my high - est joy I set you!  
 O God, do not for - get their prov - o - ca - tions.  
 Dash on the rock the chil - dren of your cit - y!