

Psalm 137: Sat down on riverbanks in Babylon

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Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-3. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The notation includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment in both treble and bass clefs.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 4-6. The key signature is three flats and the time signature is 4/4. The system includes a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: E^b, Gm, Cm, and E^b/B.

4 Sat down on riv - er-banks in Bab - y - lon, —

Musical notation for the third system, measures 7-9. The key signature is three flats and the time signature is 4/4. The system includes a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: E^b, A^bmaj7, E^b, Fm7 B^b7, E^b, and G7sus/D G7(b9).

7 we tear-ful-ly — re-mem-bered Zi - on's songs; our hea - vy hearts be-tray-ing

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 10-12. The key signature is three flats and the time signature is 4/4. The system includes a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Cm, A^bmaj7, E^b, and Cm(add9).

10 glo - ry gone: strong no - bles cap - tured, — rich trea - sures

	1, 2, 3.					4.			
	A \flat 6	B \flat 7	E \flat	Cm	A \flat 6	B \flat 7	A \flat	B7(9)sus	E \flat

Sat down on riverbanks in Babylon
 We tearfully remembered Zion's songs;
 Our heavy hearts betraying glory gone:
 Strong nobles captured, rich treasures plundered.

How shall we exiled here unite to sing
 Thanksgiving songs amidst such suffering?
 We languish, spirits broken, for our sin;
 Behold dear Father, these sons of Edom.

Mistress of Babylon at ease in pride,
 Beware your destiny: to be destroyed;
 Happy the one whose hand will be employed
 Bringing destruction upon your children.

If I do not exalt before the Lord
 Holy Jerusalem then, mark my word:
 My lips and tongue shall never more be heard
 If I forsake you before your saints come safely home!