

When as we at in Babylon

Psalm 137

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

Cantus

When as we sat in Ba - by - lon, the ri - vers_

Then they to whom we priso - ners were said to us

But yet if I Je - ru - sa - lem out of my

Medius

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Tenor

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Bassus

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When as we at in Babylon: (score)

1. When as we sat in Babylon,
the rivers round about,
and in remembrance of Sion,
the tears for grief burst out.
We hang'd our harps and instruments
the willow trees upon.
For in that place men for their use
had planted many one.
2. Then they to whom we prisoners were
said to us tauntingly:
Now let us hear your Hebrew songs,
and pleasant melody.
Alas said we who can once frame
his sorrowful heart to sing
the praises of our living God
thus under a strange King?
3. But yet if I Jerusalem
out of my heart be slide,
then let my fingers quite forget
the warbling harp to guide;
And let my tongue within my mouth
be tide for everlast,
if that I joy before I see
thy full deliverance past.
4. Therefore O Lord remember now
the cursed noise and cry:
That Edom's sons against us made
when they razed our city.
Remember Lord their cruel words,
when as with one accord:
They cried on, sack and raze their walls
in despite of the Lord.
5. Even so shalt thou O Babylon
at length to dust be brought:
And happy shall that man be called
that our revenge is wrought.
Yea blessed shall that man be called
that takes thy children young,
to dash their bones against hard stones
which lie the streets among.