

By the Waters of Babylon

Psalm 138

Samuel Coleridge Taylor (1875 - 1912)
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Larghetto $\text{♩} = 60$

SOPRANO Solo *mp*

Organ *mp*

Ped.

By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat

down and wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Zi - on.

Tutti *mp*

By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and

By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and

By the wa - ters, by the wa - ters we sat down and

By the wa - ters we sat down and

Man.

Ped.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a soprano part and an organ part. The soprano part has a vocal line with lyrics: 'By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat', followed by a repeat sign and 'down and wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Zi - on.'. The organ part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The second system begins with a tutti dynamic, where both soprano and organ play together. This is followed by three more lines of the same lyrics, each starting with 'By the wa -' and ending with 'and'. The final system concludes with a 'Man.' part and ends with a pedal point on the organ.

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f

wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on,

wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O

wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O

wept, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O

mf

Ped.

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by the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and wept, when we re -

Si - on, by the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and wept, when we re -

Si - on, by the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and wept, when we re -

Si - on, by the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon we sat down and wept, when we re -

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mem-ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when
mem-ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when
mem-ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when
mem-ber'd thee, O Si - on, when we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on, when

Ped.

Man.

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we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on.
we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on.
we re - mem - ber'd thee, O Si - on.

rit.

p

mf

f

Ped.

Poco piu mosso

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mf
As for our harps, we
As for our harps, we

Poco piu mosso

35

hang - ed them up: up - on the trees that are there -
we hang - ed them up - on the the trees that are there -
hang - ed them up: up - on the trees that are there -

38

in.

in.

mf

in. For they that led us a-way cap - tive re - quiр - ed of us a

mf

For they that led us a-way cap - tive re - quiр - ed of us a

42

f

and me - lo - dy in our hea - vi ness.

ff

Sing us one of the

f

song, and me - lo - dy in our hea - vi ness.

ff

Sing us one of the

f

Sing us one of the

ff

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songs of Si - on, sing us one of the songs of
 songs of Si - on, sing us one of the songs of
 songs of Si - on, sing us one of the songs of
 songs of Si - on, sing us one of the songs of

52

Si - on, How shall we sing the Lord's song
 Si - on, How shall we sing the Lord's song
 Si - on, How shall we sing the Lord's song

57

— in a strange land.

rit.

VERSE
Tempo primo
mp dolce

63

If I for - get thee, O Je -

If I for - get thee, O Je -

If I for - get thee, O Je -

Tempo primo

rit.

68

-ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun - ing,
 -ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun - ing,
 ru - sa - lem, let my right hand for - get her cun - ning,
 let my right hand for - get her cun - ing, If ____

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If I do not re - mem - ber thee, let my tongue cleave to the ____
 If I do not re - mem - ber, let my ____
 If I do not re - mem - ber, let my ____
 I do not re - mem - ber, let my ____

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roof of my mouth, yea, if I prefer not Je -
tongue cleave to my mouth, yea, if I prefer not Je -
tongue cleave to my mouth, yea, if I prefer not Je -
tongue cleave to my mouth, yea, if I prefer not Je -

80

Piu mosso

ru - sa-lem in my mirth, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
ru - sa-lem in my mirth, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
ru - sa-lem in my mirth, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,

Piu mosso

r.h.

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— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
— let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,

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if I prefer not Je - ru - sa - lem in my mirth. Re -
if I prefer not Je - ru - sa - lem in my mirth. Re -
if I prefer not Je - ru - sa - lem in my mirth. Re -
if I prefer not Je - ru - sa - lem in my mirth. Re -

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mem-ber the child - ren of E - dom, O Lord, In the
 mem-ber the child - ren of E - dom, O Lord, In the
 mem-ber the child - ren of E - dom, O Lord, In the
 mem-ber the child - ren of E - dom, O Lord, In the

98

day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said, Down with it,
 day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said, Down with it,
 day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said, Down with it,
 day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said, Down with it,

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down with it, e - ven to the ground.

down with it, e - ven to the ground.

down with it, e - ven to the ground.

down with it, e - ven to the ground.

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Tempo primo

O daugh - ter of Ba - by-lon wast - ed with mi - se - ry, yea,

O daugh - ter of Ba - by-lon wast - ed with mi - se - ry, hap -

O daugh - ter of Ba - by-lon wast - ed with mi - se - ry, yea,

O daugh - ter of Ba - by-lon wast - ed with mi - se - ry, yea,

Tempo primo

Man.

112

hap - py shall he be that re - ward - eth thee, as thou hast serv - ed
 hap - py shall he be that re - ward - eth thee, as thou hast serv - ed
 hap - py shall he be that re - ward - eth thee, as thou hast serv - ed
 hap - py shall he be that re - ward - eth thee, as thou hast serv - ed

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us. Bless - ed shall he be that tak - eth thy
 us. Bless - ed shall he be that tak - eth thy
 us. Bless - ed shall he be that tak - eth thy
 us. Bless - ed shall he be that tak - eth thy

poco rall.

mp

Ped.

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chil - dren, and throw - eth them a - gainst the stones,

chil - dren, and throw - eth them a - gainst the stones,

chil - dren, and throw - eth them a - gainst the stones,

chil - dren, and throw - eth them a - gainst the stones,

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a - gainst the stones.

rit.