

# BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

## Psalm 136 (137)

*ATTOS* \* (approx. ♩ = 108)

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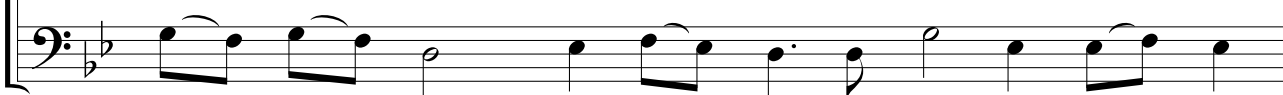
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Melody



By the wa - ters of Bab - y - lon we sat down

Voice 2



and wept when we re - mem - bered Zi - on.



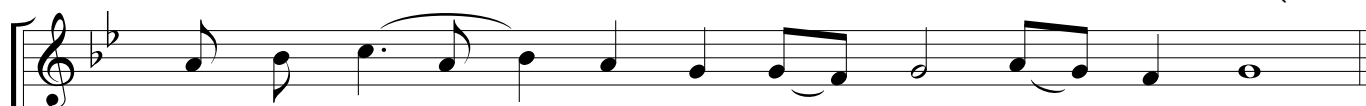
**Refrain:** (Sung after each Psalm verse)



Al - le - lu - ia. On the wil-lows



(Refrain)



in the midst there - of we hung up our harps.



For there our captors required of us songs, and our tor-men-tors



\* At the tempo of speech.

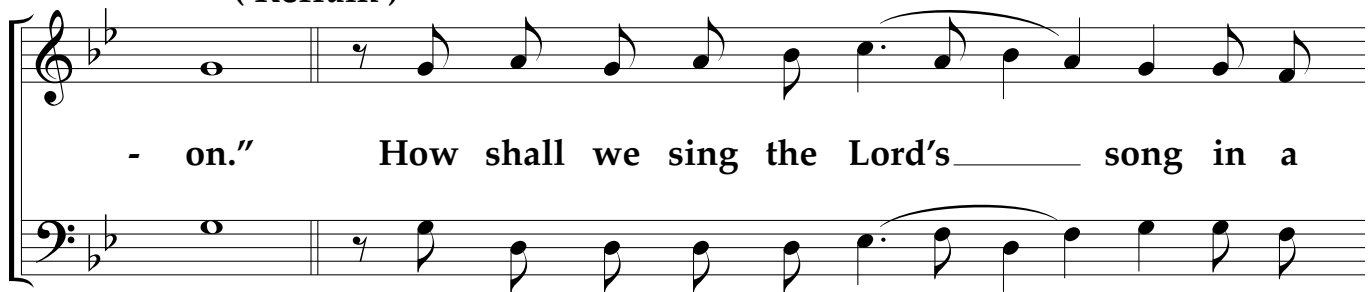
[ required mirth... ]

\*\* **Optional:** Both voice sing the melody up to this point.



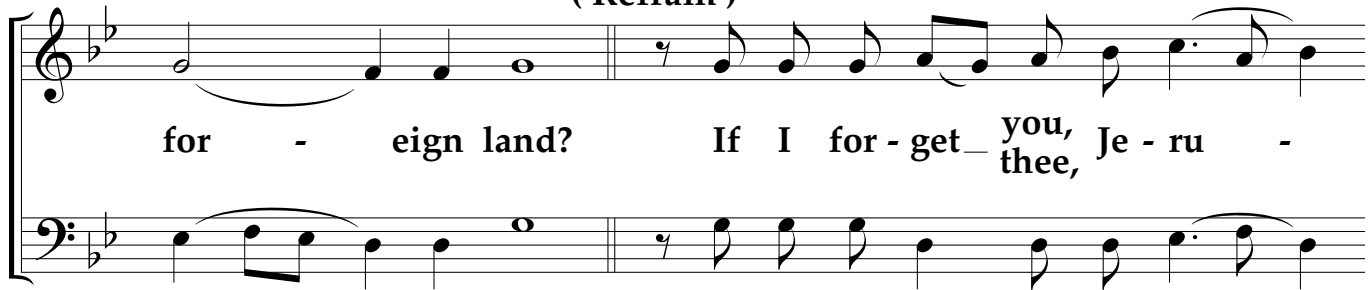
re-quired mirth say-ing: "Sing us one of the songs of Zi -

( Refrain )



- on." How shall we sing the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ song in a

( Refrain )

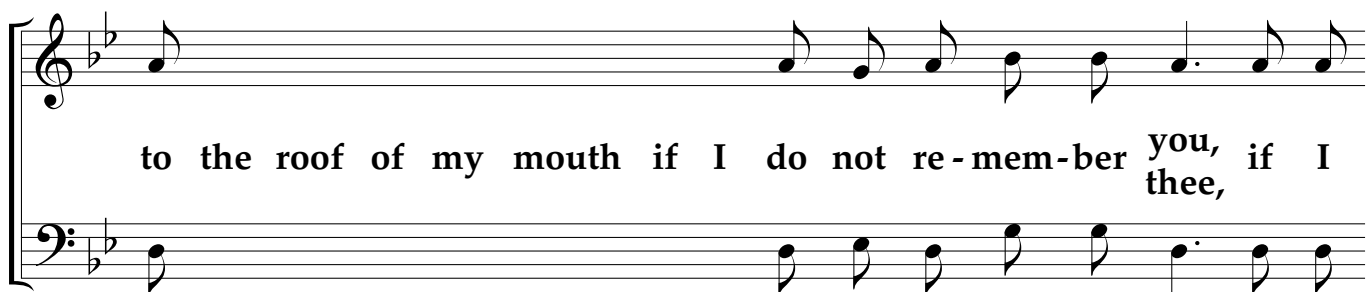


for - eign land? If I for - get\_ you, thee, Je - ru -

( Refrain )



- sa - lem, let my right hand with - er! May my tongue cleave



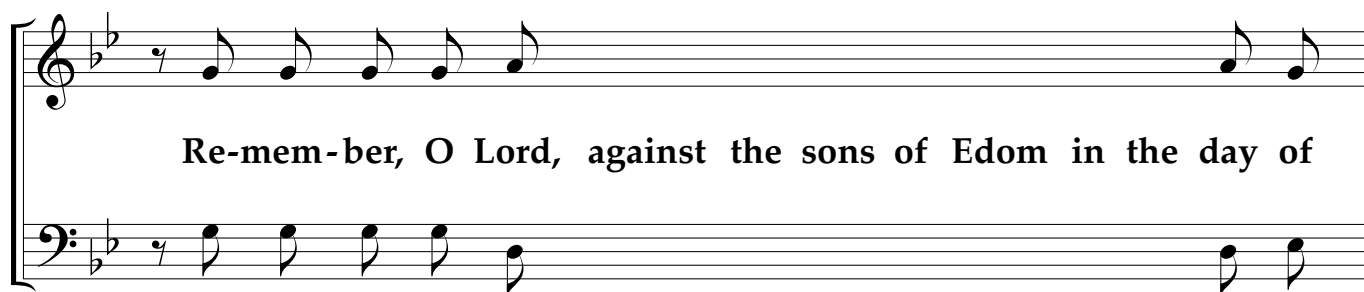
to the roof of my mouth if I do not re-mem-ber you, thee, if I

[ do not set... ]

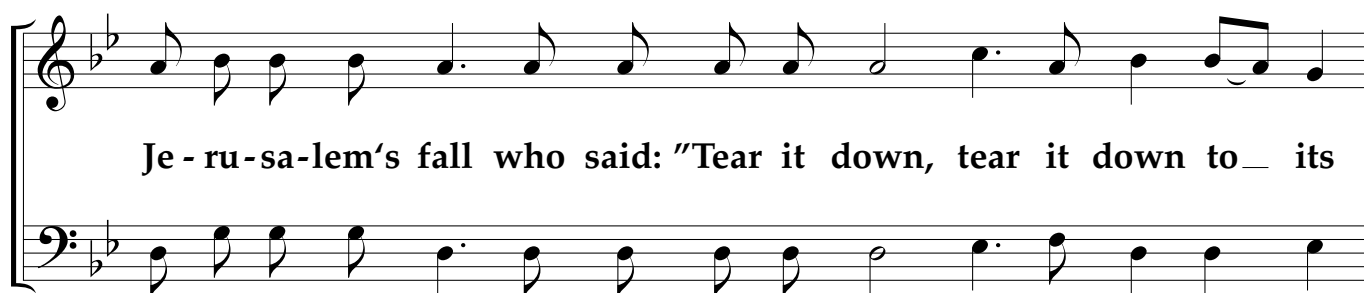
( Refrain )



do not set Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove my\_ high - est joy!

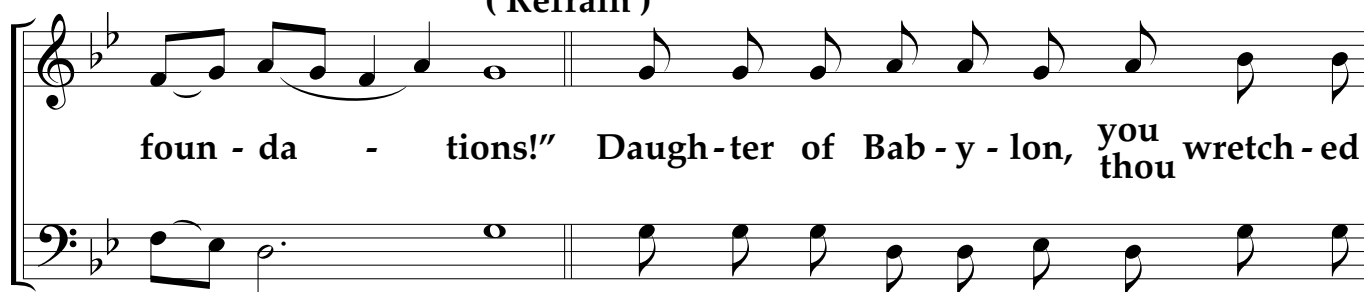


Re-mem-ber, O Lord, against the sons of Edom in the day of

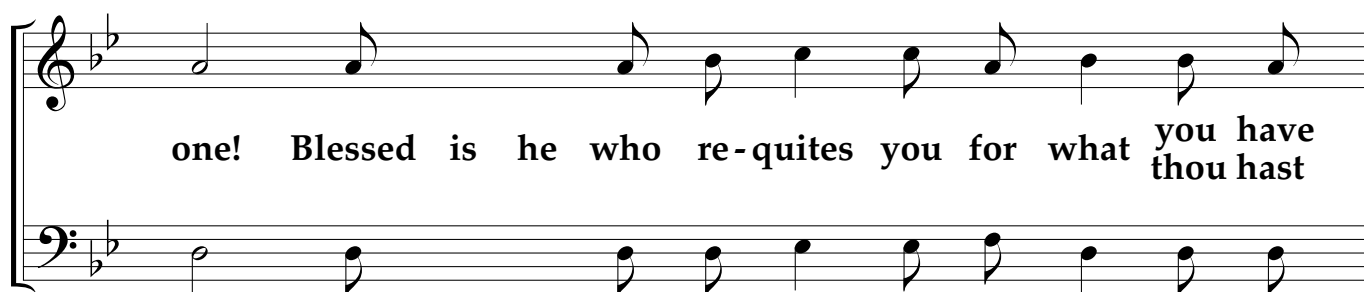


Je - ru - sa - lem's fall who said: "Tear it down, tear it down to\_ its

( Refrain )



foun - da - tions!" Daugh-ter of Bab - y - lon, you thou wretch - ed



one! Blessed is he who re-quires you for what you have thou hast

[ done to us. ]

( Refrain )

done \_\_\_\_\_ to us! Blessed is he who takes <sup>your</sup><sub>thy</sub> lit - tle

ones and dash - es them a - gainst \_\_\_\_\_ the rock!

Final Refrain:

Al - le - lu - ia.

**Composer's Note:** Each subsequent verse of the Psalm should be sung with *a bit* more agitation than the previous verse. In contrast, each subsequent refrain of "Alleluia" should be calmer than the previous refrain.