

# By the Waters of Babylon

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

when we re-mem-ber Zi-on. Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap -  
when we re-mem-ber Zi-on. Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap -  
when we re-mem-ber Zi-on. Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap -

ti-vi-ty re-quire of us a song. How can we sing our ho-ly song in a  
ti-vi-ty re-quire of us a song. How can we sing our ho-ly song in a  
ti-vi-ty re-quire of us a song. How can we sing our ho-ly song in a

strange land. So let the words of my mouth and the me-di-ta-tion of my  
strange land. So let the words of my mouth and the me-di-ta-tion of my  
strange land. So let the words of my mouth and the me-di-ta-tion of my

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23 heart, be ac - cep - ta - ble in thy sight o - ver I. Yes by the wa - ters of,  
By the wa - ters of Ba - by - lon,

23 heart, be ac - cep - ta - ble in thy sight o - ver I. Yes by the wa - ters of,  
23 heart, be ac - cep - ta - ble in thy sight o - ver I. Ba - by - lon, oh Ba - by -

30 of Ba - by - lon we sat, we wept, we re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber Zi - on, Yes by the wa - ters of,  
where we sat down, and where we wept,

30 of Ba - by - lon we sat, we wept, we re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber Zi - on, Yes by the wa - ters of,  
30 lon where we sat down, O Lord we sat down and where we wept O Lord how we

34 of Ba - by - lon we sat, we wept, we re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber Zi - on,  
when we re - mem - ber Zi - on. By the wa - ters of

34 of Ba - by - lon we sat, we wept, we re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber Zi - on,  
34 wept when we re - mem - ber Zi - on, Yes we re - me - mber by the wa - ters of

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Yes by the wa-ters of, of Ba-by-lon we sat, we wept, we re-mem-ber, re-mem-ber Zi - on,  
Ba - by-lon, where we sat down, and where we

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Yes by the wa-ters of, of Ba-by-lon we sat, we wept, we re-mem-ber, re-mem-ber Zi - on,  
Ba - by-lon, oh Ba-by-lon where we sat down, O Lord we sat down and where we

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Yes by the wa-ters of, of Ba-by-lon we sat, we wept, we re-mem-ber,  
wept, when we re-mem-ber Zi - on.

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Yes by the wa-ters of, of Ba-by-lon we sat, we wept, we re-mem-ber,  
wept O Lord how we wept when we re-mem-ber Zi - on.

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Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap - ti - vi - ty re - quire of us a song.  
Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap - ti - vi - ty re - quire of us a song.

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Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap - ti - vi - ty re - quire of us a song.  
*Add bass lower notes split only on repeat.*  
Where the wick-ed car-ry us a-way cap - ti - vi - ty re - quire of us a song.

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How can we sing our ho - ly song in a strange land.

How can we sing our ho - ly song in a strange land.

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How can we sing our ho - ly song in a strange land.

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How can we sing our ho - ly song in a strange land.

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So let the words that I speak from my mouth and the me-di-ta-tion I hold

So let the words of my mouth and the me - di - ta - tion of my

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So let the words of my mouth and the me - di - ta - tion of my

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*Add bass lower notes split only on repeat.*

So let the words of my mouth and the me - di - ta - tion of my

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deep in my heart be ac - cep - ta-ble in thy sight o - ver I.

heart, be ac - cep - ta-ble in thy sight o - ver I.

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heart, be ac - cep - ta-ble in thy sight o - ver I.

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heart, be ac - cep - ta-ble in thy sight o - ver I.

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