

Joel Barlow, 1786

(Psalm 137)

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# Babylon

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Alexander Gillet, 1794

1. A - long the banks where Babel's cur - rent flows, Our cap - tive bands in deep de - spon - dence strayed; While Zion's fall in sad re - mem - brance  
2. The tuneless harp that once with joy we strung, When praise \_ employed and mirth in - spired the lay, In mournful si - lence on the wil - lows

3. The barbarous tyrants, to in - crease the woe, With taun - ting smiles a song of Zi - on claim: Bid sa - cred praise in strains me - lo - dious  
4. But how, in heathen chains and lands un - known, Shall Is - rael's sons a song of Zi - on raise? O hap - less Sa - lem, God's ter - res - trial

5. If e'er my me - mor - y lose thy love ly name, If my cold heart ne - glect my kin - dred race, Let dire de - struc - tion seize this guil - ty  
6. Yet shall the Lord, who hears when Zi on calls, O'er - take her foes with ter - ror and dis - may, His arm a - venge her de - so - la - ted

1. rose, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. hung, \_\_\_\_\_  
Her friends, her chil - dren, min - gled with the dead, Her friends, her chil - dren, min - gled with the dead.  
And gro - wing grief pro - longed the te - dious day, And gro - wing grief pro - longed the te - dious day.

3. flow, \_\_\_\_\_ While they blas - pheme the great Je - ho - vah's name, While they blas - pheme the great Je - ho - vah's name.  
4. throne, \_\_\_\_\_ Thou land of glo - ry, sa - cred mount of praise, Thou land of glo - ry, sa - cred mount of praise.

5. frame: \_\_\_\_\_ My hand shall pe - rish, and my voice shall cease, My hand shall pe - rish, and my voice shall cease.  
6. walls, \_\_\_\_\_ And raise her chil - dren to e - ter - nal day, And raise her chil - dren to e - ter - nal day.