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LATVIA

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Words: from Psalm 137
Ewald Bash
Music: Latvian melody
arranged Geoff Weaver

With expression ♩ = 80

Capo 3(D) Dm (Bm) Dm7 (Bm7) G7 (E7)

1 By the Ba - by - lon - ian ri - vers we sat
2 There our cap - tors, in de - ri - sion, did re -
3 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a
4 Let your cross be be - ne - dic - tion for all

Gm (Em) A7 (F#7) Dm (Bm) D7 (B7) Gm7 (Em7) C7 (A7)

down in grief and wept; hung our harps up - on a
- quire of us a song; so we sat with star - ing
strange and bit - ter land; can our voi - ces veil the
bound in ty - ran - ny; by the power of re - sur -

F7 (D7) Bb (G) Edim (C#dim) A7 (F#7) Dm (Bm)

wil - low, mourned for Zi - on while we slept.
vi - sion and the days were hard and long.
sor - row? Lord God hear your lone - ly band.
- rec - tion loose them from cap - ti - vi - ty.

This melancholy Latvian folk melody reflects beautifully the desolation of the exiles.
This is very effective when sung unaccompanied or with simple guitar accompaniment.