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9 BY THE BABYLONIAN RIVERS

LATVIA

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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) B⁷ (G⁷) Em (C⁷) A7 (F#⁷) Dm (Bm)
 wil - low. mourned for days - on while we slept.
 vi - sion and the Lord God were hard and long.
 sor - row? loose them from your lone - ly band.
 - rec - tion tie - ness cap - o - 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.