

# When we our weary limbs to rest

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Psalm 137 verses 1-4

George F Handel (1685-1759)

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*♩=80*

Soprano/  
Tenor [Air]

1. When we, our wea - ried limbs to rest, our  
2. *Our harps, that when with joy we sung, that*  
3. Mean - while our foes, who all con - spired, our  
4. *How shall we tune our voice, How shall we*

Alto

1. When we, our wea  
2. *Our harps, that when*  
3. Mean - while our foes,  
4. *How shall we tune*

Bass

1. When we, our wea - ried  
2. *Our harps, that when with*  
3. Mean - while our foes, who  
4. *How shall we tune our*

Keyboard

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S/T

wea - ried limbs to rest, Sat down by proud Eu - phra - tes' stream, We  
*when with joy we sung, Were wont their tune - ful parts to bear, With*  
foes, who all con - spired, To tri - umph in our sla - vish wrongs, Mu -  
*tune our voice to sing? Or touch our harps with skil - ful hands? Shall*

A

- ried limbs to rest, Sat down by proud Eu - phra - tes' stream, We  
- *with joy we sung, Were wont their tune - ful parts to bear, With*  
- who all con - spired, To tri - umph in our sla - vish wrongs, Mu -  
- *our voice to sing? Or touch our harps with skil - ful hands? Shall*

B

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*joy we sung, Were wont their tune - ful parts to bear, With*  
all con - spired, To tri - umph in our sla - vish wrongs, Mu -  
*voice to sing? Or touch our harps with skil - ful hands? Shall*

Kbd.

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S/T

wept, We wept, with dole - ful thoughts op-pressed, And Zi - on,  
*si - lent, si - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
*sic and mirth, and mirth of us re - quired; "Come, sing us,*  
*hymns, shall hymns of joy to God our King Be sung, be*

A

wept, We wept, with dole - ful thoughts op-pressed, And Zi - on,  
*si - lent, si - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
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wept, We wept, with dole - ful thoughts op-pressed, And Zi - on,  
*si - lent, si - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
*sic and mirth, and mirth of us re - quired; "Come, sing us,*  
*hymns, shall hymns of joy to God our King Be sung, be*

Kbd.

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S/T

Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme. And Zi - on,  
*trees that wi - thered, wi - thered there. With si - lent,*  
*sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us,*  
*sung by slaves in fo - reign lands? Shall hymns, —*

A

Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme. And Zi - on,  
*trees that wi - thered, wi - thered there. With si - lent,*  
*sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us,*  
*sung by slaves in fo - reign lands? Shall hymns of*

B

Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme. And Zi - on,  
*trees that wi - thered, wi - thered there. With si - lent,*  
*sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us,*  
*sung by slaves in fo - reign lands? Shall hymns, shall*

Kbd.

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S/T

And Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme, And Zi - on  
*with si - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
 come, sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us  
*shall hymns of joy to God our King Be sung by*

A

And Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme, And Zi - on  
*with si - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
 come, sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us  
*joy, hymns of joy to God our King Be sung by*

B

Zi - - on was our mourn - ful theme, And Zi - on  
*si - - lent strings ne - glec - ted hung On wil - low*  
 sing us one of Zi - on's songs, Come, sing us  
*hymns of joy to God our King Be sung, be*

Kbd.

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S/T

was \_\_\_\_\_ our mourn - ful, mourn - ful theme.  
*trees \_\_\_\_\_ that wi - thered, wi - thered there.*  
 one \_\_\_\_\_ of Zi - on's, Zi - on's songs."  
*slaves \_\_\_\_\_ in fo - reign, fo - reign lands?*

A

was \_\_\_\_\_ our mourn - - - - ful theme,  
*trees \_\_\_\_\_ that wi - - - - thered there.*  
 one \_\_\_\_\_ of Zi - - - - on's songs."  
*slaves \_\_\_\_\_ in fo - - - - reign lands?*

B

was \_\_\_\_\_ our mourn - ful, mourn - ful theme.  
*trees \_\_\_\_\_ that wi - thered, wi - thered there.*  
 one \_\_\_\_\_ of Zi - on's, Zi - on's songs."  
*sung \_\_\_\_\_ by slaves in fo - reign lands?*

Kbd.

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 selection of verses. Original a semitone higher.