

# Let My Tongue Be Silenced If I Ever Forget You

Score

Psalm 137

Setting by Rob Perkins  
Verses based on Carpathian Chant

Refrain

Voice

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

Keyboard

## 3 Verse 1

Voice

By the streams of Babylon, we sat and wept when we remembered Zion

Keyboard

## 7

Voice

On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

Keyboard

## 11 Verse 2

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,

11

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music for Verse 2, measures 11 through 14. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by quarter notes for 'asked of us' and another whole note rest, then quarter notes for 'the lyrics of our songs,'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand, with a slur over the first two measures.

## 15

And our despoilers urged us to be joyous "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

15

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music for Verse 2, measures 15 through 18. The vocal line starts with a whole note rest, followed by quarter notes for 'urged us to be joyous' and another whole note rest, then quarter notes for '"Sing for us the songs of Zion!'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand, with a slur over the first two measures.

## 19 Verse 3

How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land

19

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music for Verse 3, measures 19 through 22. The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by quarter notes for 'sing a song of the Lord' and another whole note rest, then quarter notes for 'in a foreign land'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand, with a slur over the first two measures.

23

If I forget you Jer u salem May my right hand be for gotten

27 Verse 4

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remem ber you not,

31

If I place not Je ru sa lem ahead of my joy.