

By the Waters of Babylon

Psalm 136

Valaam chant

The musical score consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is in common time. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the numbered sections of the psalm.

1

By the wa - ters of Ba - by-lon, there we sat down_ and wept,
when we re-mem-bered Zi - on. Al - le - lu - i - a.

2

On the wil - - lows there we hung up our lyres.

3

Al - le - lu - i - a. For there our cap - - tors
re - quired of us songs and our tor - ment - ors, mirth, say - - ing,

4

"Sing____ us one of the songs of Zi - on." Al - le - lu - i - a.
How____ shall we sing the Lord's____ song in a for - - eign land?

5

Al - le - lu - i - a. If I for - get you,
O Je - ru - sa - lem, let my right hand with - - er.

Al - le - lu - i - a. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
6

if I do not re - mem - ber you, if I do not set Je - ru - sa - lem
7

a - bove my high - est joy. Al - le - lu - i - a. Re - mem - ber, O Lord,
7

a - gainst the E - dom - ites the day of Je - ru - sa - lem, how they said:
7

“Raze it, raze _____ it down to its foun - da - - - tions.”
8

Al - le - lu - i - a. O daugh - ter of Ba - by - lon, you dev - as - ta - tor,
8

hap - py shall he be who re - quites _____ you with what you have done to us.
9

Al - le - lu - i - a. Hap - py shall _____ he be who takes your lit - tle ones
9

and dash - es them a - gainst _____ the rock. Al - le - lu - i - a.