

Psalm 137: Let My Tongue Be Silenced

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Db Db/F Gb Ebm Ab

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

5 Db Ab

1. By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept
2. Though there our captors asked of us, we did not sing
3. How could we sing a song to the Lord in a foreign land?
4. May my tongue cleave to my palate, and my mouth be silent, for I have become a stranger in a foreign land.

7 Ebm Ab

when we remembered Zion.
the lyrics of our songs, in a foreign land?
if I forget you, Jerusalem, do not let my tongue be silent, for I have become a stranger in a foreign land.

9 Fm Ab

On the aspens of Judah that we sat in weeping.
And our despoilers urged us to sing, "Give praise to the Lord, for he is good."
If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my tongue be silent, for I have become a stranger in a foreign land.

11 Ebm Ab

we hung our harps. "Sing for us, O harps of Zion!"
may my right hand be silent, for I have become a stranger in a foreign land.
I will not be silent, for I have become a stranger in a foreign land.

Verses used for designated feasts / Solemnities

- Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)
- Wednesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time (Year I)
- Friday of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time (Year II)