

Blessed Zion, Be Contented

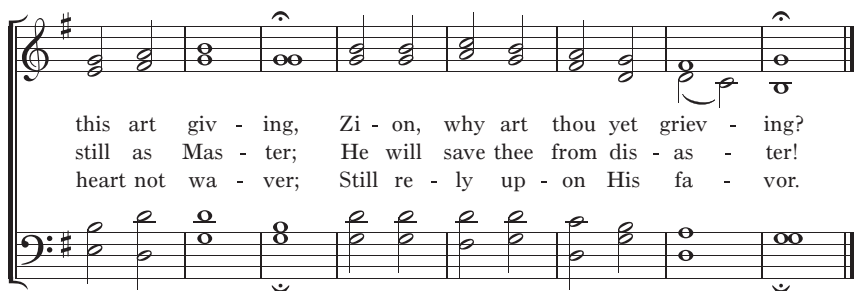
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1. Bless - ed Zi - on, be con - tent - ed, God is pres - ent
 2. When the waves of doubt as - sail thee On life's deep and
 3. Though the rocks be torn a - sun - der And the loft - y

in thee still; To be thine He hath con - sent - ed; He hath
 rest - less sea, When the break - ers nigh de - stroy thee And thou
 mountains quake, Though the world seem to go un - der And for

fa - ther - ly good - will. He cor - rects thee in His love;
 cry, "Ah, woe is me!" When thy Sav - ior seems a - sleep,
 fear its peo - ple shake, E - ven then be un - a - fraid,

Chas - tens thee thy heart to prove. If thou thought to
 Heed - less of their an - gry sweep, Zi - on, own Him
 God is still thy pres - ent aid. Zi - on, let thy



4. When, as often, tears of sadness
 Are thy food and drink, and though
 Often in thy songs of gladness
 May be heard a note of woe,
 When distressed by envy's sting,
 Or bereft of everything,
 Zion, do not cringe or cower—
 Thou wilt see His helping power!

5. If with anguish thou art shaken,
 If men bind and torture thee,
 Thou wilt never be forsaken—
 Think upon eternity!
 Stand in faith and do not fear,
 For thy Lord is ever near.
 Zion, let His hand direct thee;
 He will strengthen and protect thee!

6. O rejoice, life's day is ending,
 Soon the evening thou wilt see,
 To the Lord thyself commending,
 He will make thee fully free!
 For the griefs thou here hast known
 He will thee with gladness crown;
 God's great care hath thee surrounded,
 And the world will be confounded!

7. Hallelujah! All thy splendor
 Soon with power shall appear,
 For the Sun of Mercy tender,
 Jesus Christ, is drawing near!
 Joyously He will thee meet,
 With the kiss of peace thee greet!
 Zion, where will then be sadness?
 Thou wilt only speak of gladness!