

Rivers of Babylon

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Sing each highlighted section 2 times in a row

G G G G
By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down
G D D G
Yea-ah, we wept when we remembered Zion

G G G
When the wicked carried us away in captivity
C G
Requiring of us a song
G G D G
Now how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

hum 1st section: G G G G G D D G G

G D G D
Let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart
G D G G
Be acceptable in thy sight here tonight

<Repeat 1st section> <humming> <Repeat 1st section>

"Rivers of Babylon" was written and performed by The Melodians in 1970. It is a Rastafari song based on Psalm 137. "Babylon" here refers to any oppressive or unjust governmental system. The cover by Boney M. in 1978 became a major international hit. This chart is for that version.

