

**BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON**

Ce Negro-Spiritual est une prière des esclaves Afro-Américains qui fait référence à un passage de la bible : l'exode de Moïse et du peuple d'Israël est comparé à l'exode forcé des esclaves de l'Afrique vers l'Amérique.

- 1 – By the river of Babylon, were we sat down, oh and we prayed, and we remember Zion.
- 2 – Carried us away, captivity, back to Jerusalem, tell me how we can sing the lord song in a strange land.
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**Refrain** : By the river of Babylon, Were we sat down, Oh and we prayed, and we remember Zion.

**Couplet** : Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable to thy sight, amen.



Super flúmina Babylónis, illic sédimus,  
et flévimus cum recordarémur Sion.