

Marshfield

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E minor – William Billings,
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1. When we, our wear - ied limbs, to rest, Sat down by proud Eu - phrat - es stream, We

2. Our harps, that when with joy we sung, Were wont their tune - ful parts to bear, With
3. How shall we tune our voice to sing? Or touch our harps with skill - ful hands? Shall
4. O Sa - lem, once our hap - py seat! When I of thee for - get - ful prove, Then
5. If I to ment - ion thee for-bear, E - ter - nal sil - ence seize my tongue, Or

10 wept with dole - ful thoughts op - pressed, And Zi - on was our mourn - ful theme.

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si - lent strings ne - glect - ed hung, On will - ow trees that with - ered there.
hymns of joy to God our King Be sung - by slaves in for - eign lands?
let my tremb - ling hand for - get The speak - ing strings with art to move!
if I sing one cheer - ful air, Till thy de - liv - erance is my song.