Psalm CXXVI

for mixed choir

with optional Dumbek
(Middle Eastern drum)

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When the Lord delivers us from exile, it will all seem like a dream.
Our mouths will fill with laughter, and our hearts with glorious song.

Rain down your grace upon us, Lord, renew us as a stream redeems the arid soil, surge through us like a river as it swells the desert sands.
Deliver us, deliver us, oh Lord, so that they who sow in tears may reap in joy, and those who went forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed will return home singing, carrying sheaves of wheat.

From the Book of Psalms

Jubilant \( \frac{\text{J} = 88-92 \text{ ed ossia poco a poco accel.}}{\text{mf}} \)

Soprano

When the Lord delivers us from Zion, it will all be like a dream.

Alto

When the Lord delivers us from Zion, it will all be like a dream.

Tenor

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Bass

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Optional Middle-Eastern drum (Dumbek)

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If this accelerando occurs naturally, please allow it to happen.
Surge through us like a river, as it swells over the desert.

Rain grace upon us, renew us like a stream.

Surge through us like a river, as it swells over the desert.

Oh, laughter, and our hearts with glorious song.
weeping, weeping will return singing, carrying sheaves of

sow in tears may reap in joy. So those who went out

weeping carrying sacks of seed, will return singing carrying sheaves of

weep ing, with sacks of seed, will return singing, singing, carrying sheaves of

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De- li-ver us, de- li-ver us, oh, Lord. So that they who
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Dumbek continues throughout with chorus, ending together at end of m50.

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