

# There dwelt a man in Babylon

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**Gm Gm B♭ A(no3rd) D Gm**

There dwelt a man in Ba - by - lon of re - pu - ta - tion  
 That yeare two Iud - ges there was made, which were the Eld - ers of  
 These Eld - ers came to her a - non, & thus they said, "Faire  
 "If that to us thou dost say 'nay,' a tes - ti - mo - ni - all

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great by fame; He tooke to wife a faire wo - man, Su - san - na she was  
 Ba - by - lon; To Ioa - chim's house was all their trade, who was Su - zan - na's  
 dame, God speed! Thy doors are fast, thy maids are gone, con - cent to vs and  
 we shall bring; Wee will say that one with thee lay, - how canst thou then a -

**Cm F Gm Dm E♭ D Gm Dm**

call'd by name; A wo - man faire and ver - tu - ous: La - dy, la - dy,  
 hus - band then: Ioa - chim was a great rich man, La - dy, la - dy;  
 doe this deed; For we are men of no dis - trust, La - dy, La - dy;  
 uoid this thing? There - fore con - sent, and to us turne, La - dy, La - dy;

Gm                      Dm                      Eb      F      Dm      Gm      Cm                      D                      G

Why should we not of her learne thus to liue god - ly?  
 Those Eld - ers oft to his house came for this La - dy.  
 And yet to thee we haue a lust, O faire La - dy!  
 For we to thee in lust dow burne, O faire La - dy!"

"Better it were for me to fall  
 into your hands this day guiltlesse,  
 Then that I should consent at all  
 to this your shamefull wickednesse."  
 And euen with this that (whereas she stood)  
 Lady, Lady,  
 Unto the Lord she cryed aloud  
 pitifully.

The Lord her voice heard, and beheld  
 the Daughter's cry of Israel;  
 His spirit he raised in a child,  
 whose name was call'd young Daniel,  
 Who cryed aloud whereas he stood,  
 Lady, Lady,  
 "I am cleare of the guiltless blood  
 of this Lady."

Said Daniel, as he did before,  
 "behold the messenger of the Lord  
 Stands waiting for you at the doore,  
 euen to cut thee with a sword."  
 And, euen with that, the multitude  
 aloud did cry,  
 "Giue thanks to God, so to conclude,  
 for this Lady."

They dealt like with these wicked men  
 according as the Scripture saith,  
 They did, as with their neighbour, then,  
 by Moses' law were put to death!  
 The innocent preserued was,  
 Lady, Lady,  
 As God by Daniel brought to passe  
 for this Lady.