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3. The barb'rous tyrants to increase our woe,  
 With taunting smiles a song of Zion claim;  
 Bid sacred praise in strains melodious flow,  
 While they blaspheme the great Jehovah's name.

4. But how, in heathen chains, and lands unknown,  
 Shall Israel's sons a song of Zion raise?  
 O hapless Salem, God's terrestrial throne,  
 Thou land of glory, sacred mount of praise.

5. If e'er my mem'ry lose thy lovely name,  
 If my cold heart neglect thy kindred race,  
 Let dire destruction seize this guilty frame;  
 My hand shall perish, and my voice shall cease.

6. Yet shall the Lord, who hears when Zion calls,  
 O'ertake her foes with terror and dismay;  
 His arm avenge her desolated walls,  
 And raise His children to eternal day.