

Psalm 127

(as rendered from the Masoretic texts)

Song of the Steps, for Solomon

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שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְשִׁלְמֹה

Baritone.

Piano.

F C7 F F

sher hä - mä - ä - lot' lesh - lo - mo' em Yäh-

1. If Yahveh does not-build the house, the builders labor in vain,

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אִם-יְהוָה לֹא-יִבְנֶה בַּיִת שׂוֹא עֲמָלוֹ בּוֹנֵי בֹ

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5 C Am Em Em C Am E7 E7

5 vah' lo yev - na' vä'-yet shäv ä - ma - lu' vo - näv bo em Yäh-

If Yahveh does not guard the city, the guards watch in vain.

אִם-יְהוָה לֹא-יִשְׁמַר-עִיר שׂוֹא שְׂקָד שׁוֹמְרִ:

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13 F F#dim C/G E/G# Am Am/G F F/G Am B7

13 vah' lo esh' - mär er shäv shä - qäd' sho - mar'

2. It is vain for you to rise up early and sit up late, שׂוֹא לָכֶם מִשְׁכִּימֵי קוֹם מֵאַחֲרֵי-שֵׁבֶת

Bar. B Em G B^b F B^b F A^m C C

21 shäv la - chēm' māsh ke - ma' kum mā - ä - chä - ra' sha' - vët

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you that eat the bread of toil, so He gives to His beloved in sleep.

אֲכָלִי לֶחֶם הָעֲצָבִים כֵּן יִתֵּן לִי יְהוָה שְׁנָא:

Bar. G E/G[#]Am Am/G F E C A^m A^m/G F A^m

29 ok - he - la' lē' - chēm hä - ä - tsä - vem' kën ye - tën' le - de - do' sha - nä' he -

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3. behold, sons are an inheritance of Yahveh, the fruit of the belly a reward.

הֲנֵה נַחֲלַת יְהוָה בְּנֵים שְׂכָר פְּרֵי הַבֶּטֶן:

Bar. C 37 Cmaj7 Am Am/G F E E E Am Am

37 nē' nä - chä - lät' Yäh - vah' bä - nem' sä - chär pa' - re hä - bä' - tën ka - che -

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4. Like arrows in the hand of warrior, so are the sons of your youth.

כַּחֲצִיִּים בַּיַּד-גִּבּוֹר כֵּן בְּנֵי הַנְּעוּרִים:

Bar. 45 F Dm7 E E E A^m B7

45 tsem' ba - yäd' ge - bor' kën ba - na' hä - na - o - rem' äsh -

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5. Happy the man who has his quiver full of them.

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53 Cmaj7 Fmaj7 Cmaj7 F Dm7 C/E< F

53 ra' hä - ga' - ver ä - shër me' - la ët äsh' - pä - to' më - hëm'

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They will not be put to shame when speaking with their enemies in the gate.

לא־יבשוּ כִּי־יִדְבְּרוּ אֶת־אֹיְבֵי־בִשְׁעַר:

60 Am E Am/C Dm E E E Am Am

60 lo ya - vo' - shu ke ya - dä - ba - ru' ët o - ya - vem' bä - shä' - är *optional repeat.*

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optional tag.

68 Am E Am Dm E E E Am Am

68 lo ya - vo' - shu ke ya - dä - ba - ru' ët o - ya - vem' bä - shä' - är

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