

Civitas sancti tui

SATTB Chorus

Latin Text

William Byrd (1543-1623)

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Translation: Your holy city is made deserted; Zion is made deserted; Jerusalem is made deserted.

By 1616, an alternative English text existed: Bow thine ear, O Lord and hear; let thine anger cease from us. Sion, thy Sion is wasted and brought low; Jerusalem is wasted quite, desolate and void. (See also Bow thine ear, O Lord)