

By Mercy We Were Exiled

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Tune: *PASSION CHORALE*

1: God gave his law in kindness
So we would live in peace
But we walk in vile darkness
By choice, at times deceived
By mercy we were exiled
From Abram's cov'nant land
Away enslaved in Babel
This not the life we planned

2: God sent his people prophets
To call us to repent
Of sin deserving judgment
Through songs of sad lament
By mercy given freedom
Our land we could return
The faithful's worship ransomed
Our sins can we now mourn

3: God was not finished with us
Our hearts still needed change
Proximity had fooled us
To think exile did end
By mercy we were promised
Messiah to restore
Though evil separated,
Remembered nevermore

4: God's remnant still in waiting
The advent of our hope
Messiah soon appearing
To make estranged hearts whole
By mercy came the birth of
The one who justly reigns
Christ brings us into God's love
That we may live again
