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The Lamentations of Jeremiah

From the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

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The Lord hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion:
he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying:
therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

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Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars:
her king and her princes are among the Gentiles:
the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

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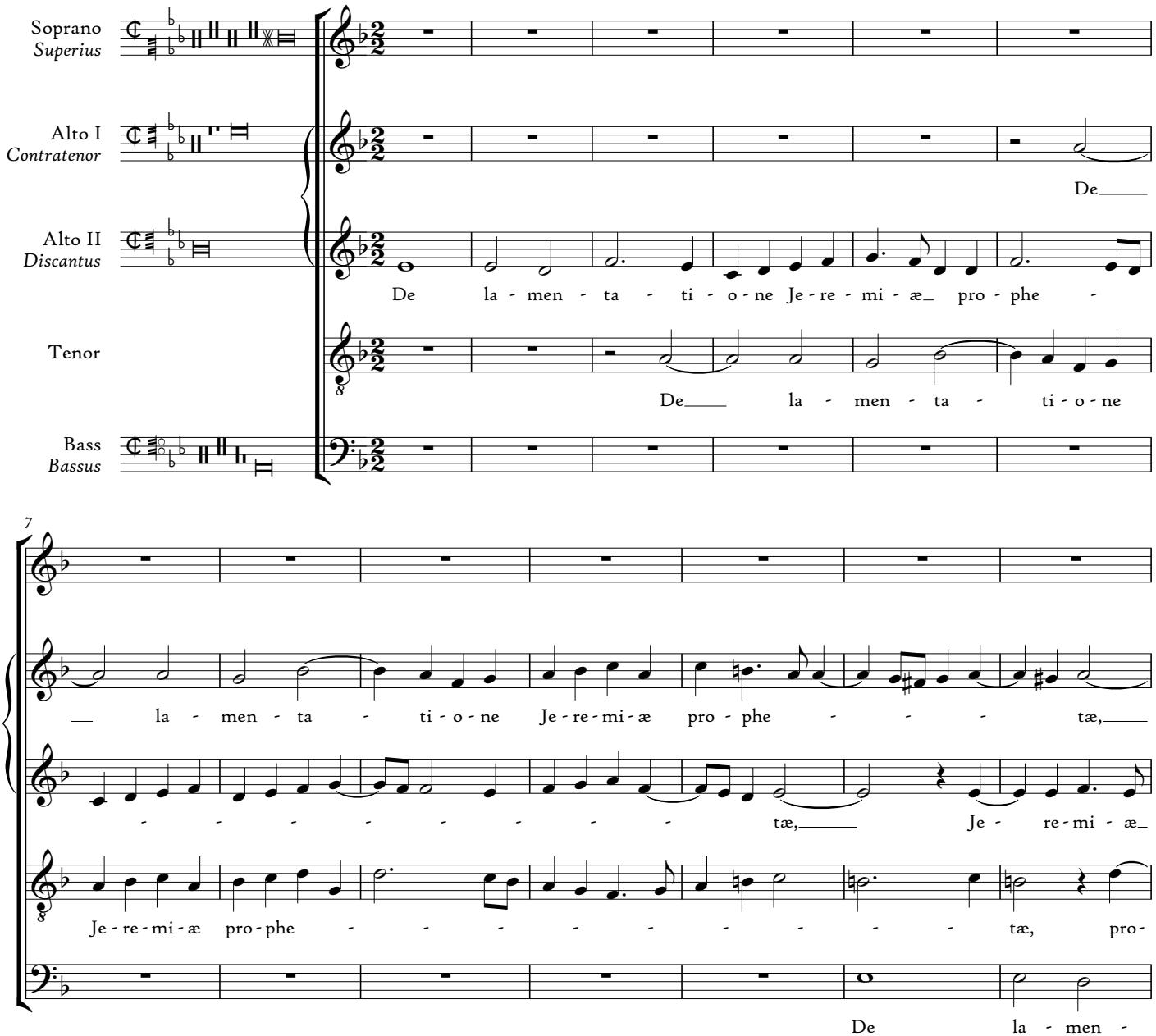
The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence:
they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth:
the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

(Lamentations 2:8-10)

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