

17. Thou Art a Robber

*Dinah, Miriam, Jochebed, Hannah, Deborah, Naomi,
Laman, Sam, Lemuel, Nephi, Zoram, Abner, Caleb, Ishmael, and Chorus*

1 Nephi 7

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[A sandstorm. Members of Ishmael's household struggle to seek shelter.]

Unsettled and Anxious ♩ = 112 *mf*

Naomi

Sam

SA

TB

Piano

It's com ing! It's com - ing!

A sand - storm strong.

mp It

Lam.

Lem.

Nep.

SA

TB

Pho.

Where's Di - nah?

mf

mf

mf

Miriam, Jochebed, Hannah, Deborah, Naomi, Sam, Lemuel, Zoram, Abner, and Caleb sing with the Chorus in this and the next entrance.

Seek shel - ter! The Lord will save.

won't be long be - fore it's here.

17. Thou Art a Robber

mf

[Laman finds Dinah forgotten and unprotected as she tries to help a feeble Ishmael. He shields them from the storm.]

8

Han. *I'm filled with fear!*

Lam. *No, my Di - nah! —*

Lem. *don't feel brave.*

SA *f Flee and cow er! —*

TB *f Flee and cow er! —*

Pno. *f*

12

Din. *f O La man! Save us now! Who*

Lam. *I will pro - tect you.*

SA *Run and hide! — In this de - sert, — Who*

TB *Run and hide! — In this de - sert, — Who*

Pno. *f*

[The sandstorm dies down. Dinah and Laman hug each other as the camp comes alive again. Ishmael is unconscious.]

16

Din. *can a bide? Who can a - bide?*

Lam. *I'll a bide! I will a - bide!*

SA *can a bide? Who can a - bide?*

TB

Pno.

20 *mp*

Din. *O ——— La man! ——— How can we leave our*

Pno. *mp*

25 *rit.* *Slower ♩ = 96*

Din. *land? Your fa-ther fights a-gainst our king and steals and lies, and still you sing that*

Lam. *My fa-ther is the pa-tri-arch, and by him I must stand.*

Pno.

30 *f*

Din. by him you must stand?

Han. *mf* Wait! Wait, Di-nah and

Nep. *mf* We must go on in-³ the wil-der-ness.

Pno. *f*

36

Han. Ish - mael hurt.

Nep. ³ We must go on: they will be safe. If we o - bey the Lord's com - mands.

Pno.

41 *mf*

Din. Was it the Lord's com - mand that you

Mir. *mf* Was it the Lord's com - mand that you

Lam.

Lem. *p* Was it the Lord's com-mand that we leave or yours?

Abn. *mp* Was it the Lord's com - mand to slay La-ban or yours?

Cal. *mp* Was it the Lord's com - mand to slay La-ban or yours?

Pno. *p*

47

Din. mar-ry or La - man's?

Mir. mar-ry or La - man's?

Lam. *f* I have a com-mand: not the Lord's, but La man's! Go back to Je - ru - sa - lem!

Lem. *f* Leave, leave our —

Nep. *f* No!

Pno. *f*

55

Lam. *rit.* Take back our — right-ful home In Zi - on all is well!

Sam. Lem - uel!

Lem. fool-ish fam-'ly. Take back our — right-ful home. In Zi - on all is well!

Nep. No, my bro thers! How can you re - bel a-gainst the

Zor. Lem - uel!

Pno.

63 *Slower* ♩ = 88 *mf*

Lam. *mf* This is not a-bout re - bel - lion. It's a ques - tion of com - mand. For I am in - deed the

Nep. Lord? _____

63 *mp*

Pno. *mp*

70 *mp* first-born. Fa - ther's rule I now de - mand. Our land is right - eous; he spurns it wrong - ly. I feel strong - ly: leave this waste of

Lam. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

77 *mp* [aside] *rit.*

Han. *mp* My heart's with Ne - phi, My head's with La - man. Lord, help me un - der - stand.

Lam. sand!

Lem. *mf* We feel strong - ly.

Nep. *mf* We feel strong - ly. *mp*

77 *mp*

Pno. *mp*

You feel strong - ly? Have you in - quired of the

85 *Slower* ♩ = 72 *mp* *Tempo I* ♩ = 88

Lam. We have not, He mak - eth no such thing known to us.

Lem. We have not, He mak - eth no such thing known to us.

Nep. Lord? You do not un - der - stand? _____

Pno. *p* *mf*

92

Nep. If ye will har - den not but ask in faith And be - lieve ye shall re - ceive from God, Then keep with di - li - gence his com - mand - ments,

Pno.

99

Lam. Youn - ger bro - ther seek - ing to rule!

Lem. Youn - ger bro - ther seek - ing to rule!

Nep. Then you shall know! Do you not re - mem - ber first - borns Have been pro - mised to the

Pno.

105

Nep. Lord? But ye keep not his com - mand - ments, Har - den hearts a - gainst His word. You've

Pno.

110

Lam. *f* Youn - ger bro - ther

Lem. *f* Youn - ger bro - ther

Nep. heard God's plead - ings, His voice you smo - ther. *f* First - born bro - thers,

Pno.

114 *f*

Din. *f* No! Thou shalt not _____

Han. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Joc. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Mir. *f* No! Thou shalt not _____

Deb. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Nao. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Lam. No! Thou shalt not _____ rule! Thou shalt not _____

Sam. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Lem. No! Thou shalt not _____ rule! Thou shalt not _____

Nep. go back to ³ Je - ru - sa - lem. Know ye shall ³ al - so per - ish

Zor. *mf* Ne - phi! Ne - phi!

Abn. No! Thou shalt not _____ rule! Thou shalt not _____

Cal. No! Thou shalt not _____ rule! Thou shalt not _____

SA *mf* Thou art a migh - ty man. Thou art a migh - ty man!

TB

114 *subito p*

Pno.

118

Din. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 Han. Ne - phi, no!
 Joc. Ne - phi, no!
 Mir. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 Deb. Ne - phi, no!
 Nao. Ne - phi, no!
 Lam. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 Sam. Ne - phi, no!
 Lem. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 Nep. Thus saith the ³ Ho - ly Ghost, that I should say!
 Zor. Ne - phi, no!
 Abn. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 Cal. — rule, Shalt not rule!
 SA. *f* Thou art a migh - ty man!
 TB. *f* Thou art a migh - ty man!
 Pno. *f*

[Laman, Lemuel, Abner, Caleb, Dinah, Miriam and a mass of Ishmael's household tackle Nephi. Sam and Zoram try to run in but are repulsed back and grabbed by the mob. Hannah, Deborah, Jochebed, and Naomi are frozen in horror, crying out and protecting Ishmael but not doing much more. Nephi is bound with cords, as are Sam and Zoram. There is lots of ad lib shouting throughout.]

122 *rubato ff*

Lam. *ff*
 Thou art a rob-ber, and I will slay thee! Ne phi! Nowthe rule is

Pno. *sfz* *ff*

130

Lam. mine! It's mine! It's mine!

SA *f*
Abner, Caleb, Dinah, and Miriam join Chorus
 [To Nephi] Wild — beasts shall soon de - vour you!
 [To Sam, Zoram, Hannah, Deborah, Jochebed, and Naomi] You should take this for a sign!

TB

Pno.

134

Lam. I would ra - ther have my Di - nah Than sub - mit to your de - sign. Your

SA Have his Di - nah Your

TB

Pno.

138

Lam. God re - quires — me to give a - way My land and gold and all I love. So

SA God re - quires — me to give a way My land and gold and all I love.

TB God re - quires — me to give a way My land and gold and all I love.

Pno.

142

Lam. take your God! So take your God! I choose the

SA So take your God! So take your God! I choose the

TB So take your God! So take your God! I choose the

Pno.

147

Lam. God That's mine! *rit.* [Laman knocks out Nephi] *a tempo* *rit.* [Blackout on release]

SA God, the God, the God That's mine!

TB God, the God, the God That's mine!

Pno. *sfz*