

EASTER REFLECTION

"They have taken away my Lord"

For five female voices:

- A: Mary Magdalene
- B: Mary the mother of Jesus
- C: Mary the wife of Clopas
- D: Mary from Bethany
- E: Her sister Martha

C:

They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him.

They seized him in the garden and led him away.

They tried him before the High Priest and the Roman Governor.

They found him guilty, when all the time we knew he was innocent.

B:

They mocked him as King of the Jews, in purple robe and crown of thorns.

Then they nailed him to a wooden cross and we watched him die.

We laid him in a stone cold tomb. And now -

they have taken away my son, and I don't know where they have laid him.

D:

I met him at Bethany, as he passed through one day.

I watched him as he laid his hands on the sick and the dying:

They were healed and made well.

I listened as he told the good news of the kingdom,

And brought joy to the faces of sinners.

Now - they have taken away my friend.

E:

My Lord came when my brother was ill.

And though he died, he called 'Lazarus, come out!'
And after three days, my brother lived again.
Now my Lord has been dead for three days;
They laid him in a tomb, and yet -
They have taken away my Lord.

A:
I heard his words, and saw his love.
I poured ointment over his head,
And washed his feet with my tears.
He forgave my sins and called me his daughter.

C:
There was no time to anoint him after he died.
They laid him in a tomb. And now ...

A:
They have taken away my Lord,
And I don't know where they have laid him.

B:
We watched as they took him from the cross and carried him to the tomb.

C:
We saw the shroud on which he was laid that covered his head and bloodied
body.

D:
We watched as the stone was rolled in front of the entrance.

E:
Then we left, vowing to return today to embalm the body.

A:
But the stone has been moved ...

B:
The tomb is empty ...

ALL: They have taken away our Lord, and we don't know where they have laid him.

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