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## **David Wilcox** "Three Brothers"

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All three brothers love their father and he's called them here today

To see these papers and these lawyers and divide the old estate

All three feel that they're the favorite, he loves each of them the best

And these documents he gave them will now put them to the test

So they open all the writings that will prove the rightful heir

To this home that they remember and the right to settle there

Their own sister is a prisoner, they don't see her face to face

They've not heard her song of beauty or felt the movement of her grace

She lives behind those bars of steel and waits for her release

Will she die or will we see Jerusalem in peace?

Each one looks at what he's given and he studies what he's shown

They hold their maps that show possession

Of this place they've called their home

At first they sigh with satisfaction when they see what's on their maps

Each one's given all he wanted but the boundaries overlap

Do you wish us to be brothers? Father, help us understand Or do we each kill off the others to claim this same piece of land?

Do you mean there to be hatred in this place you built to last

And will faith just die a prisoner in the dungeon of the past

She lives behind those bars of steel and waits for her release

Will she die or will we see Jerusalem in peace?

Jerusalem is sending her voice From inside the prison of disbelief Stand up, you people of the one God To bring about her release

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