

for the Houston Children's Chorus
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MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN

“You have been weighed in the balances and found wanting!”

for 2-part voices, accompanied

Words by
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Music by
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Latin feel (cha cha cha) (♩ = 156)

ACCOMP. *mf legato*

7 *mf unis.*
In the land of Bab - lon

7 *mf*

10
— there lived a wick-ed king, —

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Bel - shaz - zar was his name — and

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he did wick-ed things. — His

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17
fa - ther had been faith - ful to God — but

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Bel - shaz - zar did - n't care, — He was a might - y rul -

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22

- er, a king be-yond com-pare.

25 *Slightly louder*

(“so he thought”) Bel-shaz-zar threw a par-ty for a

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thou-sand of his friends,— He took gold and sil-ver ves-

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from the tem-ple where they'd been. He took

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things ded-i-cat-ed to God and praised the gods of

37

men, Bel-shaz-zar threw a par-ty, but

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it was a-bout to end.

43 *f*

“Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar-sin” is what Bel-shaz-zar

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46

saw, "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin" a

49

hand wrote on the wall. He trem-bled with fear but

52

could not hide, He was in troub-le be - cause of his

55

pride. "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar -

58

- sin" a hand wrote on the wall.

61

67

mf

The mes - sage was from God, — Bel - shaz-zar

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70
 did not un-der - stand, — Dan-iel told him what it meant

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 — and that God would di - vide his land. The

76
 Medes and the Per - sians would con - quer him; a new

78
 king would be crowned that night,

80
 "Men - e men - e tek - el u - phar - sin," —

82
 Bel-shaz-zar shook with fright.

85 *f*
 "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin" is what Bel-shaz-zar

88
 saw, "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin" a

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91
 hand wrote on the wall. His fool - ish pride cut

94
 short his reign on that ver - y night the king was

97
 slain, "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar-

100
 - sin" a hand wrote on the wall.

103
 "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin," take heed so you don't

106
 fall, "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin," a

109
 hand wrote on the wall. "Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar-

112
 - sin," don't mess with God at all,

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115

"Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin," the writ - ing's

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on the wall!

121

"Men-e men-e tek-el u-phar - sin!"

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