

Once You Were Not a People



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1 Peter 2:4-6,10

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Adagio ♩ = c. 70

mp *rit.* *a tempo*

5 *mp*

Once you were not a peo - ple, but now you are God's peo - ple; —

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9

once you had not re - ceived mer - cy, but now you have re - ceived

9

rit.

13 *mf a tempo*

mer - cy. Come to him a liv - ing stone, _____ though re -

13 *a tempo mf*

17

ject - ed by mor - tals yet cho - sen and prec - ious in God's sight,

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21 *mp*

cho - sen and prec - ious in God's sight. _____ Once you were not a peo -

21 *mp*

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- ple, but now you are God's peo - ple; — once you had not re-ceived

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mer - cy, but now you have re-ceived mer - cy.

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34 *mf a tempo*

And like liv - ing stones, let your-selves be built in-to a spir-it-ual house, — to

34 *mf*

38

be a ho-ly priest-hood, to of-fer spir-it-ual sac-ri-fic-es ac-cept-a-ble to

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42 *mp* *rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

God through Je - sus Christ. "See, I am lay-ing in Zi-on a stone, a

42 *mp* *rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

46

cor-ner-stone chos-en and prec-ious; and who - ev - er be-lieves in him will not be put to

46

50 *rit.*
mp *a tempo*

shame." _____ Once you were not a peo - ple,

50 *rit.*
mp *a tempo*

shame." _____ Once you were not a peo - ple,

54

once you had not re-ceived mer - cy, but now that you have re-ceived mer - cy, —

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once you had not re-ceived mer - cy, but now that you have re-ceived mer - cy, —

58 *molto rit.*

now, now you are God's peo - ple.

58 *molto rit.*

now, now you are God's peo - ple.