

# Millions was the Debt....

text and arrangement  
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♩ = ca. 112

Voices

Piano

*mf*

Long intro.

6

12

*mf*

Mil-lions was the debt he owed, yet

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18

still he plead-ed with the king— and this king, with - in Christ's sto - ry, did for-give him.

23

*subito p*

Ev' - ry - thing! Leav - ing, though, he met a man with debt to *him*, who plead-ed, too,

28

but he choked him, ord'-ring pris - on till the man paid what was due.

33 *p*

Then the king, who heard a - bout it, called him for - ward, and en - raged, gave him o - ver

33 *p*

38 *mf*

to the jail - ers till the mil - lions were re - paid. Or, a vine - yard

38 *mf*

44

own - er, ear - ly, hired some work - ers, wage a - greed. Through the day, he add - ed oth - ers,

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49

hired at nine and noon and three. Five o'-clock, with day near end-ing, he hired those who'd

54

not found work, and at quit-ting time, these last re - ceived a full day's wage, paid first!

60

*mf*

It was *then* the ear-liest work-ers, get-ting paid what they'd a-greed, grum-bled at that

*mf*

65 *rit.*

own-er— but he held to gen-er - os - i - ty. In these sto-ries

65 *rit.*

71

taught by Je - sus, God is God of Gra - cious-ness— with un - fath'm - a - ble for-giv - ing

71

*f*

76 *subito p*

and a rich-er gen - 'rous-ness. Though we can't re - pay God's mer-cies, Christ says mer - cy

76 *subito p*

81

God ex-pects. We re-peat it: "God, for-give, as we for-give each oth-er's debts."

87 *subito p*

And we ask the help of God to grow toward gen - er - os - i - ty, know-ing mer - cy,

87 *subito p*

92 *rit.* *sl. rit.*

lov - ing mer - cy, mer - cy giv'n a - bun-dant - ly.

92 *rit.* *sl. rit.* *sl. rit.*

The Bible references are Matthew 18:21-35 and Matthew 20:1-16, plus the Lord's Prayer.  
 The introduction can be shorter if an ensemble sings this.  
 The text may always be provided to the congregation.