

Take These Ashes/ To the Desert Follow Me

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Intro | C G/C | C G/B | Am G | F |
| Am Gsus4 G | C | ||

Refrain 1
Ash Wed:
Lent: C G/C C
Take these ashes as a sign
To the desert follow me,
G/B Am G Fadd9
that from the dust you have been raised
for I am God, who is your hope.
Am Gsus4 G C G/B
and to dust you shall return.
To the desert follow me.

Verse 1
Am Gsus4 G C/E
Return to me with all your heart;
Fadd9 Am Gsus4 G C E E7
let go the world and come to me.
Am Gsus4 G C/E
Rend your heart and not your clothes,
Fadd9 Am Em/G D7/F# Fadd9
for I am kind, my name is mercy.

Refrain 2 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 2
Am Gsus4 G C/E
Slow to anger is my way;
Fadd9 Am Gsus4 G C E E7
my cup is filled with love for you.
Am Gsus4 G C/E
I will not send you to the foe,
Fadd9 Am Em/G D7/F# Fadd9
nor scorn the ones I come to rescue.

Refrain 3 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 3
Am Gsus4 G C/E
Gather my people, says the Lord.
Fadd9 Am Gsus4 G C E E7
Oh, let them come to heal - ing peace,
Am Gsus4 G C/E
elders and children, lost and found,
Fadd9 Am Em/G D7/F# Fadd9
into this place of love's revealing.

Refrain 4 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 4
Am Gsus4 G C/E
A blessing I will give to you,
Fadd9 Am Gsus4 G C E E7
all you who wander and who thirst.
Am Gsus4 G C/E
The desert soon will bear a spring;
Fadd9 Am Em/G D7/F# Fadd9
forgiving water shall restore you.

Refrain 5 Repeat Refrain 1

Verse 5
Am Gsus4 G C/E
I will embrace your every wound,
Fadd9 Am Gsus4 G C E E7
for I am balm to heal your pain.
Am Gsus4 G C/E
You shall not weep forevermore;
Fadd9 Am Em/G D7/F# Fadd9
I have remembered you, my children.

Refrain 6
Ash Wed:
Lent:

C **G/C** **C**
Take these ashes as a sign
To the desert follow me,
G/B **Am** **G** **Fadd9**
that from the dust you have been raised
for I am God, who is your hope.
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C** **G/B**
and to dust you shall return.
To the desert follow me.

Verse 6

Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
My goodness flows out of my heart
Fadd9 **Am** **Gsus4** **G** **C** **E** **E7**
over the ones I came to save.
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
I will cleanse you of your sin,
Fadd9 **Am** **Em/G** **D7/F#** **Fadd9**
replace your guilt with my compassion.

Refrain 7

Repeat Refrain 6

Verse 7

Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
I will renew your weary heart
Fadd9 **Am** **Gsus4** **G** **C** **E** **E7**
and keep you always in my sight;
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
give you a spirit that is new;
Fadd9 **Am** **Em/G** **D7/F#** **Fadd9**
restore the joy of your sal-vation.

Refrain 8

Repeat Refrain 6

Verse 8

Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
I will bring beauty from the ruin,
Fadd9 **Am** **Gsus4** **G** **C** **E** **E7**
a feast of hope from ash and dust.
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
This land will bloom just as before.
Fadd9 **Am** **Em/G** **D7/F#** **Fadd9**
My saving Word, it is for - ever.

Refrain 9

Repeat Refrain 6

Verse 9

Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
The light you bear shall be as dawn;
Fadd9 **Am** **Gsus4** **G** **C** **E** **E7**
your bonds of sin my love will break.
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C/E**
Injustice shall be overcome,
Fadd9 **Am** **Em/G** **D7/F#** **Fadd9**
and you will rise with me, be-loved.

Refrain 10

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for I am God, who is your hope.
Am **Gsus4** **G** **C**
and to dust you shall return.
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