

Seven Words  
(As They Crucified The Saviour)

Guitar Capo 3

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Time signature 4/4. Key Bb to C (G to A with capo 3)

(INTRO)

| G Am | C Bm | G Am | C Cm

(VERSE 1)

As they crucified the Saviour  
C He prayed, **“Forgive them Father, for  
Em Am D  
They do not understand what they do.”**  
G Am7  
When the thief said, “Don’t forget me”  
C Bm G  
The Lord replied, **“Today, you’ll be  
Em Am D  
In paradise, and I’ll be with you.”**  
C D/C G/B Em7  
And gazing down at John and Mary,  
C D C D C D  
He said **“Now she’s your mother; he’s your son.”**

(CHORUS)

G Em  
Seven words on the cross,  
C G  
As Christ the King was crucified.  
D G Em  
Showing love in his loss,  
C D  
He won the vic - t’ry as he died:  
C Am  
May I al - ways hear the mess - age,  
Em D G  
May I al - ways know the grace:  
D G Em  
Seven words from the Sa - viour  
C D G Am | C Bm | G Am | C Cm  
As he died - there in my place.

(VERSE 2)

G Am7  
As the land fell into darkness,  
C Bm G  
The people heard him cry, **“My God,  
Em C D  
O why have you forsaken me now?”**  
G Am7  
When he whispered, **“I am thirsty”**  
C Bm G  
They soaked a sponge in bitter wine,

**Em**                    **Am**                    **D**  
 They raised it up and he drank it down.  
**C**                    **D/C**                    **G/B**                    **Em7**  
 And he has borne our grief and sorrow;  
**C**                    **D**                    **C**                    **D**                    **C**                    **D**  
 And by his wounded body we are healed.

(REPEAT CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

**G**                    **Am7**  
 When he said, **“Now it is finished”**  
**C**                    **Bm**                    **G**  
 He spoke in triumph, not despair:  
**Em**                    **Am**                    **D**  
 The prophecies would all come to pass.  
**G**                    **Am7**  
 Then he called out, **“Father, now I**  
**C**                    **Bm**                    **G**  
**Commit my spirit to your care”**  
**Em**                    **Am**                    **D**  
 And then the Lord of Life breathed his last.  
**C**                    **D/C**                    **G**                    **Em7**  
 The soldiers lowered his dead body,  
**C**                    **D**                    **C**                    **D**                    **C**                    **D**  
 And his disciples laid it in the tomb.

(REPEAT CHORUS BUT ENDING “As he died”, THEN KEY CHANGE AND REPEAT FULL CHORUS, AS BELOW)

**C E**  
 As he died  
**A**                    **F#m**  
 Seven words on the cross,  
**D**                    **A**  
 As Christ the King was crucified.  
**E**                    **A**                    **F#m**  
 Showing love in his loss,  
**D**                    **E**  
 He won the vic - t'ry as he died:  
**D**                    **Bm**  
 May I al - ways hear the mess - age,  
**F#m**                    **E**                    **A**  
 May I al - ways know the grace:  
**E**                    **A**                    **F#m**  
 Seven words from the Sa - viour  
**D E**                    **A Bm | D C#m | A Bm | D Dm | A**  
 As he died - there in my place.

References. The seven “words” (or phrases) are:

v1 = Forgive = Lk 23:34, Paradise = Lk 23:42-43, Mother/son = Jn 19:25-27  
 v2 = Forsaken = Mt 27:45-46; Mk 15:34, Thirsty = Jn 19:28-30a (cf Ps 69: 3, 21)  
 v3 = Finished = Jn 19:30b; Commit = Lk 23:46 (cf Mt 27:50, Mk 15:37, Jn 19:30c)

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