Whiter Than The Snow (Psalm 51)

(Verse 1)
Dm Am A7 Dm
I have sinned against you, Lord,
Dm/A F Bb A
Transgressed against your holy word.
Dm Am Gm Dm
How can I ever be restored?
Bb A Dm
To whom should I now go?

(Chorus)
Bb A Dm Dm/A
Cleanse me - from iniquity
Gm7 A Gm7 A
By the blood poured out for me.
Bb A Dm Dm/A
Wash me – Lord, and I will be
G7 A Dm
Whiter than the snow.

(Verse 2)
Dm Am A7 Dm
Lord, in your unfailing love,
Dm/A F Bb A
Look down upon me from above,
Dm Am Gm Dm
Although I'm undeserving of
Bb A Dm
The mercy you bestow.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)
Dm Am A7 Dm
Do not cast me far away;
Dm/A F Bb A
That price I could not bear to pay.
Dm Am Gm Dm
Restore to me, O Lord I pray,
Bb A Dm
The joy I used to know.

(Repeat Chorus)

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(Verse 4)
Dm Am A7 Dm
Lord, forgive my grievous sin,
Dm/A F Bb A
Renew my spirit deep within,
Dm Am Gm Dm
Release my lips and I shall sing
Bb A Dm
Your praises evermore.

(Repeat Chorus)

Note: Psalm 51:7 reads “Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.” In the Old Testament, hyssop branches would be used to sprinkle the blood of sacrificed animals as a symbol of purification from sin. In the New Testament, such repeated symbolic acts are replaced by the once and for all reality of Christ’s blood being shed to make us righteous in God’s eyes, “cleansed from all sin” (1 Jn 1:7) and “clothed in white robes… they have washed them and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Rev 7:14).

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