

White Crosses  
Edwin McCain

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Tuning: EADGB<sub>e</sub>, Capo 1

**G** (320033)  
**Cadd9** (x32033)  
**Em7/G** (022033)  
**Em7** (022030)  
**Dsus2** (x00320)  
**Dsus4** (x00233)  
**A7sus4** (x02233)  
**Asus4** (x02230)  
**Gadd9** (x20233)  
**GMaj9** (200033)

1/2 = half a beat  
1/4 = one quarter of a beat  
3/4 = three quarters of a beat

Intro            1/4    1/4    2/4  
**Cadd9 - Dsus2 - G - Gmaj9 - Em7/G**  
                                 1/4    2/4    1/4  
**Cadd9 - Dsus2 - A7sus4 - Gadd9 - Cadd9 - Dsus2**

Verse

<b>G</b>		<b>Cadd9</b>
Well I packed all of my things into this blanket		
<b>Em7/G</b>		<b>Dsus2</b>
To call this year to earn coyotes fill		
<b>Asus4</b>	<b>Gadd9</b>	<b>Cadd9</b>
Kiss my wife and kids goodbye choke back the quiver in my breath		
<b>Em7</b>	<b>Dsus2</b>	<b>Dsus2</b>
And took my first steps into this corridor of death		
<b>Asus4</b>	<b>Gadd9</b>	<b>Cadd9</b>
If Iâ€™m lucky I will make it to a drain		
<b>Em7/G</b>	<b>Dsus2</b>	
With 500 of my brothers, I would share the strain		
<b>Asus4</b>	<b>Gadd9</b>	<b>Cadd9</b>
Of standing in this boxcar praying for rain		
<b>Em7</b>	<b>Dsus2</b>	
Itâ€™s the only the way we will quench our thirst		

Chorus

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**G Gmaj9 Em7/G**

Growing in the California sand

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**Cadd9 Gadd9 Cadd9 Dsus2 Em7/G**

We are the children of poverty trying to a make a stand

Verse

**G Cadd9**

If we make it past the border, we will scatter

**Em7/G Dsus2**

Vanish just like smoke in autumn wind

**Asus4 Gadd9 Cadd9**

I will run until my color will not matter

**Em7 Dsus2**

Hopinâ€™ I can find some work or possibly a friend

**Asus4 Gadd9 Cadd9**

There are others who have made it here

**Em7/G Dsus2**

They will show me how to find a job and a place to lay my head

**Asus4 Gadd9 Cadd9**

And I cannot be concerned with dreams of my children

**Em7 Dsus2**

For there are 5 others in line for my bed

Chorus

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**G Gmaj9 Em7/G**

Growing in the California sand

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**Cadd9 Gadd9 Cadd9 Dsus2 Em7/G**

We are the children of poverty trying to a make a stand

**G Cadd9**

I will gladly pick your peaches or clean your hotel rooms

**Em7/G Dsus2**

I will do the jobs American wonâ€™t do

**A7sus4 Gadd9 Cadd9**

With their cell phones to their heads and \$700 dollar shoes

**Em7 Dsus2 Dsus2**

I will risk my life â€™cause itâ€™s all I have to lose

**G Cadd9**

Let the devil in the mountains promise me a ride

**Em7 Dsus2**

Found an 18 wheeler and put all of us inside

**Asus4 Cadd9**

And just outside of victory, 19 of us died

**Em7** **Dsus2**

None of our bodies hit the floor

**Asus4** **Gadd9 Cadd9**

And so my wife she still wonders when Iâ€™m coming home

**Em7** **Dsus2**

The riches that I promised her for leaving her alone

**Asus4** **Gadd9 Cadd9**

I said that I would send her all that I could save

**Em7** **Dsus2**

But I ended up in California in an unknown grave

Chorus

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**G Gmaj9 Em7/G**

Growing in the California sand

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**Cadd9 Gadd9 Cadd9 Dsus2 Em7/G**

We are the children of poverty dying to a make a stand

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**G Gmaj9 Em7/G**

Growing in the California sand

**Cadd9 Dsus4**

In these gardens of white crosses

**Cadd9 Gadd9 Cadd9 Dsus2 Em7/G**

We are the children of poverty dying to a make a stand

3/4 1/4 3/4 1/4

Em7/G - Cadd9 - G - Cadd9 (repeat that fading out.)

Hope you enjoy! Any comments/questions email me.