

Hymn of Remorse

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Verse 1: **E** **B/Eb** **C#m**
We covered over your colorful earth with grey cement

E **B/Eb** **C#m**
We cut own trees and stripped the soil wherever we went

A **B** **A** **B**
We scarred the hills for gold and coal, blind with greed inside our soul

A **B** **E** **B/Eb**
Our goal to have complete control Lord we repent

verse 2: **E** **B/Eb** **C#m**
We've children we don't love so we shove them away

E **B/Eb** **C#m**
Make sex a drug, the more we take the more we crave

A **B** **A** **B**
From tender kiss to slamming doors from sacred vows to lawyer wars

A **B** **E** **B/Eb**
Break ours down to mine and yours with no remorse

Refrain: **A** **B** **E C#m** **A** **B** **E**
Lord, have mercy. Can we be restored?

A **B** **E C#m** **A** **B**
Lord, have mercy.

Verse 3: **E** **B/Eb** **C#m**
What of the lands of tribes and nations who lived here first?

E **B/Eb** **C#m**
Who took the best with broken treaties and left the worst?

A **B** **A** **B**
By whom were slaves bought, used & sold? Who valued people less than gold?

A **B** **E** **B/Eb** **Refrain**
Who told us racist lies until our hearts went cold?

Verse 4: **E** **B/Eb** **C#m**
The noise of traffic is drowning out the songbird's song.

E **B/Eb** **C#m**
Your voice within us telling us that we've gone wrong.

A **B** **A** **B**
You call us from our selfishness, to be blessed and to bless.

A **B** **E** **B/Eb** **Refrain**
To turn to you, begin anew. Lord we say yes.