

## Edwin McCain "White Crosses"

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Well I packed all of my things into this blanket  
To call this year to earn coyotes fill  
Kiss my wife and kids goodbye choke back the quiver  
in my breath  
And took my first steps into this corridor of death

If Iâ€™m lucky I will make it to a drain  
With 500 of my brothers, I would share the strain  
Of standing in this boxcar praying for rain  
Itâ€™s the only the way we will quench our thirst

*[Chorus:]*

In these gardens of white crosses  
Growing in the California sand  
In these gardens of white crosses  
We are the children of poverty trying to a make a stand

If we make it past the border, we will scatter  
Vanish just like smoke in autumn wind  
I will run until my color will not matter  
Hopinâ€™ I can find some work or possibly a friend

There are others who have made it here  
They will show me how to find a job and a place to lay  
my head  
And I cannot be concerned with dreams of my children  
For there are 5 others in line for my bed

*[Chorus:]*

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Growing in the California sand  
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We are the children of poverty trying to a make a stand

I will gladly pick your peaches or clean your hotel  
rooms  
I will do the jobs American wonâ€™t do  
With cell phones to their heads and \$700 dollar shoes  
I will risk my life â€™cause itâ€™s all I have to lose

Let the devil in the mountains promise me a ride  
Found an 18 wheeler and put all of us inside

And just outside of victory, 19 of us died  
None of our bodies hit the floor

And so my wife she still wonders when Iâ€™m coming  
home  
The riches that I promised her for leaving her alone  
I said I would send her all that I could save  
But I ended up in California in an unknown grave

*[Chorus:]*

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*[repeat]*

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