## Carman "This Blood"

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Violently they grabbed his arms,
As they tightly strapped each wrist,
With a hellish look stood a strong armed soldier,
Whip clenched in his fist,
Laced with chips of bone they beat him hard,
From his shoulders to his feet,
And it sliced right through his olive skin,
Just like razors through a sheet,

Countless times the blood splattered, As each in-human lash was given, Several times his knees gave way, As his flesh just hung like rivets

And surprisingly he turned his head, Though the words he used were few, The soldiers face turned pale, When he said "This blood is for you",

Uncaringly they tossed a garment, Across his weakened form, And his blood pressure fell deathly low, As the crowds began to swarm, They forced him to carry his cross up-hill, As his face they punched and smacked All the splinters from the crisscrossed beam dug deep into his back Through lack of sleep and dehydration, His tongue began to swell, And weakened by his loss of blood, This prophet-teacher fell, When he did some blood splattered On a man named Simons shoe, As he bent to wipe it off, The prophet looked and said "Simon this blood is for you",

This blood can save the soul, Heal the sick, mend the heart, This blood can give you access, To the very throne of God, And it still can go the distance, From the pain to where you are,

This blood is for you, The blood of the lamb,

Then they pounded a spike, Through the bones in his wrists, Bursting arteries, and veins And as they dropped the cross in the hole they dug His body convulsed with pain Through the agony and torment That never a soul shall find He tilts his face towards heaven With full control of his mind With more love then any human heard Before that time or since He made a statement that to this day Makes the strongest skeptic wince, He cried "Father, God forgive them for they not what they do." And as he gave his life for those lost in sin He was saying "This blood is for you!"

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Heal the sick, mend the heart,
This blood can give you access,
To the very throne of God,
And it still can go the distance,
From the pain to where you are,
This blood is for you,
(If you're lost and alone, and your mind is confused)
This blood is for you,
(If you feel like you have been hurt and abused)
This blood is for you,
The Atoning cleansing blood of the Lamb

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