

# Dear Lord, Accept a Sinful Heart

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*Am<sup>7</sup> | Em<sup>7</sup> | F G | Am<sup>7</sup>*

**1**

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> F G Am<sup>7</sup>*  
Dear Lord, accept a sinful heart which of itself complains,

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>*  
For though new life You did impart,

*F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
Such wickedness remains.

*C Em<sup>7</sup> F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
There fiery seeds of anger lurk, impossible to tame,

*C Em<sup>7</sup> F G Am<sup>7</sup>*  
And wait but for the tempter's work to fan them to a flame.

*Em<sup>7</sup> | F G | Am<sup>7</sup>*

**2**

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> F G Am<sup>7</sup>*  
Legality holds out a bribe to purchase leniency

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>*  
And, shunned by grace, would then prescribe

*F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
How You should deal with me.

*C Em<sup>7</sup>*  
While unbelief withstands Your grace

*F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
And puts Your mercy by,

*C Em<sup>7</sup>*  
Presumption, with a brow of brass,

*F G Am<sup>7</sup>*  
Says "give me, or I die."

*Em<sup>7</sup> | F G | Am<sup>7</sup>*

**3**

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>*  
Though I am thus inclined to roam,

*F G Am<sup>7</sup>*  
Christ died for all my sin

*Am<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>*  
And calls my wand'ring spirit home

*F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
To make me more like Him.

*C Em<sup>7</sup> F G Am<sup>7</sup> G*  
So even in my darkest hour I know that I am loved;

<sup>C</sup> This grace alone has <sup>Em<sup>7</sup></sup> lasting pow'r  
<sup>F</sup> To change me from <sup>G</sup> above. <sup>Am<sup>7</sup></sup> <sup>G</sup>

**E** Ending:

<sup>C</sup> Though I am thus inclined to roam, <sup>Em<sup>7</sup></sup>  
<sup>F</sup> Christ died for all my sin <sup>G</sup> <sup>Am<sup>7</sup></sup> <sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> And calls my wand'ring spirit home <sup>Em<sup>7</sup></sup>  
<sup>F</sup> To make me more like Him. <sup>G</sup> <sup>Am<sup>7</sup></sup>  
<sup>Em<sup>7</sup></sup> | <sup>F</sup> <sup>G</sup> | <sup>Am<sup>7</sup></sup>