

Ash Wednesday – 2021

In a time of Pandemic

A Reflection Song by Tammy Winn

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Prayer: O God Who Wastes Nothing, please help me to use the ashes in my life as fertilizer for something beautiful to come.

The song “Ashes” speaks to hope, despite devastation, for something new to somehow be created out of the remains of broken dreams, broken hearts, broken lives and death itself. It is for any situation needing restoration, any person in need of renewal. May you be inspired!

Ashes - Music and Lyrics by Tammy Winn

*Pull me to your purpose; I'm down on bended knee
Can we use these ashes to fertilize new dreams
Otherwise they only serve to dirty up my skin
So please draw forth some meaning from this cold suffering*

*Pain can be foundational for change and recompense
A raw, but sturdy building block that binds the hearts of men
And the privacy of hurt is a most universal truth
So come sit with my misery I'll open up to you*

*Oh I wish it didn't have to be
Yet I know it's what makes us free
And by design we can trust that this is not the end
No, not the end at all*

*Tomorrow's full of better times I'll try to look ahead
Just give me one more moment here for reverencing the dead
Now I see what you've been trying to tell me all along
That ashes to ashes does not mean that we're gone, no
Ashes to ashes means somehow we're bound to carry on*

Reflection Questions:

- How might I use the ashes of life to grow something new?
- Is there a relationship of which I am a part — including the one I have with myself — that needs restoration?

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