

# Lazarus Was a Homeless Man

Words & Music by Rick Larson & Steve Blechschmidt from Luke 16:19-31

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*E, A<sup>7sus4</sup>, E<sup>sus4</sup>, roll*

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*  
Lazarus was a homeless man,

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

He was living on the streets.

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Dumped at the door of a rich man home,

*E A E*

He was sore, and sick and beat.

*A<sup>5</sup> G<sup>5</sup> E*

Dogs came to lick his sores.

*A<sup>5</sup> G<sup>5</sup> E*

He was hungry and alone.

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

The only thing keeping him alive,

*E<sup>sus4</sup> G<sup>5</sup> A<sup>5</sup> E*

Were scraps from the rich man's home;

*E A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Table scrap, that's all.

*E, A<sup>7sus4</sup>, E<sup>sus4</sup>, roll*

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Lazarus' death was unremarked.

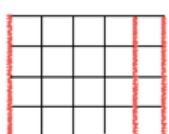
*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

No funeral was held.

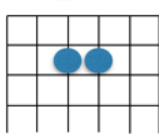
*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

He was carried instead on angels' wings,

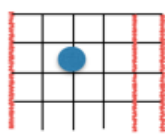
*A<sup>7sus4</sup>*



*E<sup>sus4</sup>*



*A<sup>7omit3</sup>*



Playing the **red**  
strings will only  
bring you grief.

*E A E*

To the care of Abraham.

*A<sup>5</sup> G<sup>5</sup> E*

Accounted as a righteous man.

GUITAR BREAK

*E, A<sup>7sus4</sup>, E<sup>sus4</sup>, roll*

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

The rich man spent his days at ease,

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Dressed in cloth of gold.

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Eating and drinking without cease,

*E A E*

Serving himself alone.

*A<sup>5</sup> G<sup>5</sup> E*

When the old boy died,

*A<sup>5</sup> G<sup>5</sup> E*

His funeral was grand.

*A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

Buried in a magnificent tomb;

*E<sup>sus4</sup> G<sup>5</sup> A<sup>5</sup> E*

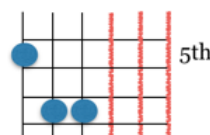
His door in - to hell.

*E A A<sup>7omit3</sup> E*

That man went straight to hell.

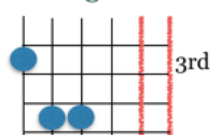
*E, A<sup>7sus4</sup>, E<sup>sus4</sup>, roll*

*A<sup>5</sup>*



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*G<sup>5</sup>*



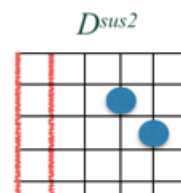
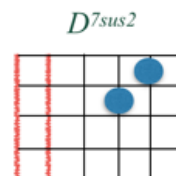
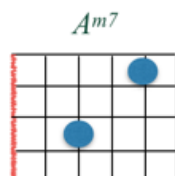
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# BRIDGE

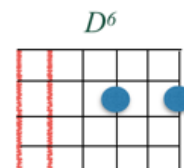
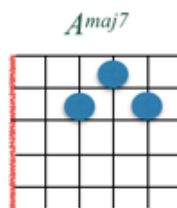
*Am7* *D7sus2*  
The rich man looked up from his torment;  
*Dsus2* *D7sus2* *A*  
Saw Abraham holding Lazarus.



*Am7* *D7sus2* *Dsus2* *D7sus2* *A*  
Said, "Abraham, send me water; I'm in a - - go - - - ny."  
*Am7* *D7sus2* *Dsus2* *D7sus2* *A*

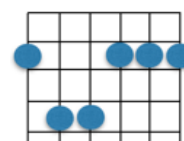
"Abraham, send him over. Have mer- - - - - cy."

*Amaj7* *D6*  
"Child," said Abraham, "In your lifetime,  
*Amaj7* *D6*



"You got the good and Lazarus the bad."  
*D* *F#m*

"A huge chasm between us now that none can cross over,  
*G* *A* *Esus4* *A7omit3*  
Lazarus is consoled while your hope is gone."



*E*, *A7sus4*, *Esus4*, *roll*

*A* *A7omit3* *E*  
"Send him instead to my father's house;  
*A* *A7omit3* *E*

"Tell my brothers the score."

*A* *A7omit3* *E* *A7sus4* *E*  
"Your brothers have Moses and the prophets," said Abe;  
*E* *A* *E*

"Been warned since they were born."

*A5* *G5* *E*  
"They're not heeding the words!" the rich man said.  
*A5* *G5* *E*

"They'd listen to a man coming back from death."  
*A* *A7omit3* *E*

"Haven't listened yet," said Abraham;  
*A7omit3* *A5* *G5* *E*

They won't listen a ris-en man.

*A7omit3* *A7sus4* *E*  
They'll ignore the risen man.

*G5* *A5* *E* (thrice)

## Tag

*A7omit3* *A5* *G5* *E*  
They won't listen a ris-en man.  
*A* *A7omit3* *E*  
They'll ignore the risen man.  
*A7omit3* *A5* *G5* *E*  
They won't listen a ris-en man.  
*A* *A7omit3* *E*  
Ignore the risen man.  
(8 beats on "ris" this last time)

*E*, *A7sus4*, *Esus4*, *roll*

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*The Rich Man and Lazarus* by Jacopo Bassano, 1510 – 1592), known also as Jacopo dal Ponte, was an Italian painter who was born and died in Bassano del Grappa near Venice. Bassano is considered to be the first modern landscape painter.



*Self Portrait*  
by Jacopo Bassano

## Scripture

Why was the rich man's burial his door into hell? Being rich in itself is no sin. Enjoying the fruits of what God provides is recommended by the Lord himself

The answer may lie in the fourth line of third verse. He was, "Serving himself alone. "

**James** elaborates on this in the fifth chapter of his New Testament book.

"Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

"You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

"You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance."

Often in our world the common folk, the righteous ones have no resistance, no effective defense against those in power.

Instead we read in **Romans 12**, "Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

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