

WHITE AS SNOW

Av U2

Where I came from there were no hills at all
The land was flat, the highway straight and wide
My brother and I would drive for hours
Like we had years instead of days
Our faces as pale as the dirty snow

Once I knew there was a love divine
Then came a time I thought it knew me not
Who can forgive forgiveness where forgiveness is not
Only the lamb as white as snow

And the water, it was icy
As it washed over me
And the moon shone above me

Now this dry ground it bears no fruit at all
Only poppies laugh under the crescent moon
The road refuses strangers
The land the seeds we sow
Where might we find the lamb as white as snow

As boys we would go hunting in the woods
To sleep the night shooting out the stars
Now the wolves are every passing stranger
Every face we cannot know
If only a heart could be as white as snow
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Sangen er fra albumet *No Line On The Horizon* (2009)

Utdrag fra Damaris-artikkel om *No Line On The Horizon*

Mark Meynell skriver følgende om sangen «White as snow»:

'White as Snow' is the most incongruous track on the album. The rather abstract introduction gives nothing away; it is only when the lyrics' melody begins that the tune's familiarity suddenly dawns: the Advent carol, 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. The melody perfectly expresses the lyrics' longing, driven by an old biblical image: 'dry ground' that 'bears no fruit at all'. This is Old Testament language for spiritual barrenness. And this song yearns for spiritual life, which again means, above all, forgiveness. Bono has suggested the song refers to a dying soldier in Afghanistan. Without his youthful assurance, he can only hope that 'his heart could be as white as snow', through 'the lamb as white as snow'.

Spørsmål

1. Hva tror du setningen: «Who can forgive forgiveness where forgiveness is not / Only the lamb as white as snow» betyr?
2. Tenk på det Bono har sagt om at sangen handler om tankene til en soldat i Afghanistan mens han holder på å dø. På bakgrunn av det – hva tror du en soldat ville tenkt over i en slik situasjon?
3. Hvorfor tror du soldaten tenker på tilgivelse i krigen – et sted hvor det kanskje er virkelig vanskelig å finne rom for tilgivelse?
4. Hvem kan tilgi der det synes som tilgivelse ikke finnes – og der alle har blod på hendene?
5. Helt på slutten tenker soldaten: «If only a heart could be as white as snow». Hva tror du det kan bety?