Be Merciful, O Lord/Create a Clean Heart
Psalm 51

Based on Psalm 51:3–6, 6–9, 10–13, 14–17, 18–21

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REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 85)

Capo 5: (Am) (Am/G) (Dm/F) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (Am/F) (Em)

Refrain Be merciful, Lord, for we have sinned. Be

Alt. Refrain Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Verses

(C) (Am) (F6) (E7sus4) (Em)

1. Have mercy, God, in compassion, and forget that I have de-
2. You are just and giv’ning sen-
3. Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
4. Give me back the joy of sal-
5. When I sac-

(C) (Am) (Dm) (Gm) (G) (G7)

1. fied you. Wash away all my sin, and cleanse me from my
2. judge. You see me just as I am, a sin- ner be-fore my
3. vive! Shut your eyes to my sin; make my guilt dis-
4. tain me. I will show to oth-
5. please you. My bro-

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Play Refrain as an Intro.
1. guilt. Very well do I know what is evil, and my sins are
2. birth. Behold, you love truth in the heart; in my secret
3. pear. O Creator, reshape my heart; put a sturdy
4. you. O rescue me, God, be my helper, and my tongue shall
5. heart. In your mercy show favor to Simon, and rebuild the

1. always before me. Done to you alone, my offenses,
2. heart teach me wisdom. With a sprig of hysop and water,
3. spirit within me. Deprive me not of your spirit;
4. ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my
5. walls of your city. Then our holocausts will be pleasing

1. crimes committed right before your eyes.
2. wash me; make me brighter than the snow.
3. cast me not away from your side.
4. mouth will declare your praise.
5. sacrifices offered in your sight.