

# The Cross Is Higher

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Key: Ab  
Song Flow: 1,C,2,C

*Fm7 | D♭ | A♭ | E♭<sup>sus4</sup> E♭ |*

## 1 Verse 1:

*Fm7*  
The sun beats down on my misdeeds,  
*D♭*  
In darkness there is one who sees,  
*A♭*  
The great accuser charges me  
*E♭<sup>sus4</sup> E♭*  
And I have no excuse.

*Fm7*  
My secret thoughts are overheard  
*D♭*  
And measured by your holy word,  
*A♭*  
My ruined conscience you observe  
*E♭<sup>sus4</sup> E♭*  
And I have no excuse.

*E♭ Fm E♭/G E♭ D♭*  
Father, I have sinned  
*E♭ Fm E♭/G E♭ D♭*  
But you will not condemn.

## C Chorus:

*A♭*  
The cross is higher  
*E♭<sup>sus4</sup> E♭*  
Than all the law required.  
*Fm*  
See the mountain of my ugliness  
*D♭*  
Levelled by your grace.  
*A♭*  
The cross is higher,  
*E♭<sup>sus4</sup> E♭*  
Your life is mine forever,  
*Fm*  
I am covered by your loveliness

*D $\flat$*   
**And run to your embrace,**  
*A $\flat$  E $\flat$  D $\flat$*   
**The cross is higher.**

**2 Verse 2:**

*Fm<sup>7</sup>*  
**My every day confirms my guilt-**  
*D $\flat$*   
**What I have done, what I have willed,**  
*A $\flat$*   
**But at the cross your blood was spilled,**  
*E $\flat$  sus<sup>4</sup> E $\flat$*   
**So I need never hide.**  
*Fm<sup>7</sup>*  
**And now I mourn unrighteousness**  
*D $\flat$*   
**For every sin brought pain and death,**  
*A $\flat$*   
**In love you gave your final breath**  
*E $\flat$  sus<sup>4</sup> E $\flat$*   
**To call me to your side.**  
*E $\flat$  Fm E $\flat$ /G E $\flat$  D $\flat$*   
**Father, I have sinned**  
*E $\flat$  Fm E $\flat$ /G E $\flat$  D $\flat$*   
**But you will not condemn.**