

Hymns...HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

The Old Rugged Cross

Words and Music by
George Bennard

♩ = 110

VERSE

B♭

E♭

C



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the ____
2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a ____
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its ____

3

F

F⁷

B♭



em - blem of suf - fring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

CHORUS

6

E♭

C

F

F⁷

B♭

F⁷



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged
glo - ry a - bove to ____ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
suf - fered and died to ____ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

10

B♭

B♭/D

E♭

B♭



cross, ____ till my tro - phies at last I lay down. I will

13

E♭

B♭/F

F⁷

B♭



cling to the old rug - ged cross, ____ and ex - change it some day for a crown. ____



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When I come to the old rugged cross what will I find?

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1. Forgiveness and Mercy

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

2. Healing and Restoration

*O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary*

3. Hope and Courage

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share*



[Story Behind The Hymn] READ BETWEEN THE LINES Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard (February 4, 1873 - October 10, 1958) was an American hymn composer and preacher. He is best known for composing the famous hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross".

Bennard was born in the coal-mining and iron-production town of Youngstown, Ohio. When he was still a child, his parents relocated the family to Iowa. Although the young Bennard aspired to become a Christian evangelist, he was compelled to support his mother and sisters when his father died suddenly.

After marrying, Bennard became active in the Salvation Army and preached throughout the United States and Canada. He was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He spent much of his life in Michigan and Wisconsin. As a well-regarded author of Christian hymns, his most famous work is "The Old Rugged Cross". Bennard retired to Reed City, Michigan, and the town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. He died in Reed City, Michigan, where the local Chamber of Commerce erected a cross near his home.

SOURCE
Wikipedia

[Weekly Devotion Questions]

HMMM...

Read the verses to The Old Rugged Cross and briefly write out the benefits you receive.

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