

Voice

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard; arranged by Matthew Zisi

$\text{♩} = 120$
Moderato

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 6, 10, 14, 19, 23, 27, 32, 36, and 40 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'a tempo'. The key signature changes to two flats (Bb, Eb) at measure 19 and returns to three sharps at measure 40. The lyrics are: '1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best For a world of lost sin-ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some-day for a crown. 2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spi-ed by the world, Has a won-drous at-trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown. 3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won-drous beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died To

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par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, Till my

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tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, And ex -

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change it some day for a crown. 4. To the

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old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; Then He'll

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call me some day to my home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. So I'll

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cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged

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cross, And ex - change it some day for a crown. **3**