

Voice

# The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard; arranged by Matthew Zisi

$\text{♩} = 120$   
**Moderato**


The musical score is written for voice in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with 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, and 36 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. Performance directions include 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'a tempo' (return to tempo). The score includes two verses of lyrics. The key signature changes to three flats (B-flat major) at measure 19 and returns to one sharp at measure 36.

*rit.* *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

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-  
spied 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

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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 old rug - ged cross I will

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ev - er be true, Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my

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home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged

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

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