

RED RIVER VALLEY

From this valley they say you are going
We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile
For they say you are taking away the sunshine
That has brightened our pathway a while

CHORUS

Come and sit by my side little darlin'
Do not hasten to bid me adieu
But remember the Red River Valley
And the one who has loved you so true
Won't you think of the valley you are leaving,
Oh, how lonely, how sad it will be
Oh think of the fond heart you're breaking
And the grief you are causing to me

CHORUS

As you go to your home by the ocean
May you never forget these sweet hour's
That we spent in the Red River Valley
And the love we exchanged mid the flowers

CHORUS

So go and play your guitar, little darlin'
And sing me a song I once knew
Remember the good times we've had dear
For some day I'll come back home to you

CHORUS

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THE RED RIVER VALLEY

Man -

This is probably the best-known folk song in the prairie provinces. Canadians naturally associate it with the Red River that flows into Lake Winnipeg, but it came to us from the American cowboys who sang about the Red River that forms the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.

Sentimentally

(1) 1. 'Tis a long time that I have been wait-ing; For the words that you ne-ver would say,
 2. From our plains I knew you would be go-ing I shall miss your bright eyes and your smile.
 3. Of-ten think of the Red Ri-ver Val-ley. Ve-ry lone-ly and sad I shall be.
 4. When you sail far a-cross the wide o-cean, May you ne-ver for-get those bright hours

But to-day my last hope it has van-ished, For they say you are go-ing a-way.
 Far from me you are tak-ing the sun-shine That has bright-ened my path for a while.
 Do re-mem-ber the heart you are break-ing; Pro-mise you will be faith-ful to me.
 That we spent on the banks of the ri-ver In the eve-nings a-mong prai-rie flowers!

REFRAIN:

Come and sit by my side if you love me, Do not has-ten to bid me a-dieu,
 (Melody)

But re-mem-ber the Red Ri-Ver Val-ley, And the girl that has loved you so true.

(Because the melody for the refrain is the same as for the verse, it is not reprinted separately.)
 (Piano accompaniment on page 88 of cloth-bound edition.)

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