

## Rugged Cross.

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On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I loved that old cross, where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down,  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh that 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.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down,  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

In the Old rugged cross, stained with blood so Divine  
A wondrous beauty I see.  
For to us on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down,  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me someday, to my home far away  
There His glory for ever I'll share.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
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