

Merle Haggard, The Old Rugged Cross

(Verse One)

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old Cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

(Refrain) 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 some day for a crown

(Verse Two)

O 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.

(Refrain)

(Verse Three)

In that old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old Cross, Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

(Refrain)

(Verse Four)

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 for ever I'll share.

(Refrain)