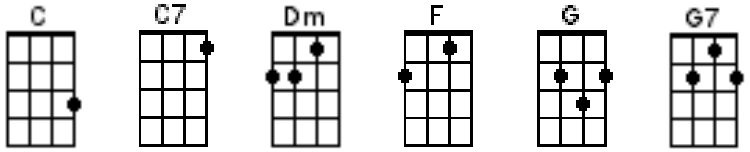
Red River Valley v4

Folk Song, Circa 1870



Intro: [C] [C]

From this **[C]** valley they **[G7]** say you are **[C]** going **[C]**
I shall **[C]** miss your bright **[C]** eyes and sweet **[G7]** smile **[G7]**
For a-**[C]**las you take **[C7]** with you the **[F]** sunshine **[Dm]**
That has **[G]** brightened my **[G7]** pathway a **[C]** while **[G7]**

Chorus: Come and **[C]** sit by my **[G7]** side if you **[C]** love me **[C]**
Do not **[C]** hasten to **[C]** bid me a-**[G7]**dieu **[G7]**
But re-**[C]**member the **[C7]** Red River **[F]** Valley **[Dm]**
And the **[G]** girl who has **[G7]** loved you so **[C]** true **[C]**

For this **[C]** long, long **[G7]** time I have **[C]** waited **[C]**
For the **[C]** words that you **[C]** never would **[G7]** say **[G7]**
But **[C]** now my last **[C7]** hope has **[F]** vanished **[Dm]**
When they **[G]** tell me that **[G7]** you're going a-**[C]**way **[C]**

Oh, there **[C]** never could **[G7]** be such a **[C]** longing **[C]**
In the **[C]** heart of a **[C]** white maiden's **[G7]** breast **[G7]**
As there **[C]** is in the **[C7]** heart that is **[F]** breaking **[Dm]**
With **[G]** love for the **[G7]** boy who came **[C]** west **[G7]**

Chorus: Come and **[C]** sit by my **[G7]** side if you **[C]** love me **[C]**
Do not **[C]** hasten to **[C]** bid me a-**[G7]**dieu **[G7]**
But re-**[C]**member the **[C7]** Red River **[F]** Valley **[Dm]**
And the **[G]** girl who has **[G7]** loved you so **[C]** true **[C]**

When you **[C]** go to your **[G7]** home by the **[C]** ocean **[C]**
May you **[C]** never for-**[C]**get the sweet **[G7]** hours **[G7]**
That we **[C]** spent in the **[C7]** Red River **[F]** Valley **[Dm]**
Or the **[G]** vows we ex-**[G7]**changed 'mid the **[C]** bowers **[C]**

Will you **[C]** think of the **[G7]** valley you're **[C]** leaving? **[C]**
Oh, how **[C]** lonely and **[C]** dreary 'twill **[G7]** be! **[G7]**
Will you **[C]** think of the **[C7]** fond heart you're **[F]** breaking **[Dm]**
And be **[G]** true to your **[G7]** promise to **[C]** me?
[C↓] [G7↓] [C↓]