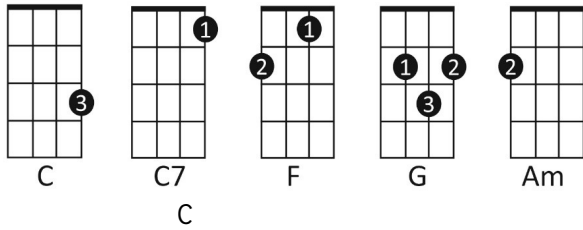


Red River Valley

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From this valley, they say you are going,

we will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile.

For they say you are taking the sunshine,

that has brightened our pathways a while.

Come and sit by my side if you love me;
do not hasten to bid me adieu.
But remember the Red River Valley,
and the girl that has loved you so true.

I've been thinking a long time, my darling,
of the sweet words you never would say.
Now, alas, must my fond hopes all vanish?
For they say you are going away.

Won't you think of the valley you're leaving,
oh, how lonely and sad it will be.
Just think of the fond heart you're breaking,
and the grief you are causing to me.

From this valley they say you are going,
when you go, may your darling go too?
Would you leave her behind unprotected,
when she loves no one other than you.

As you go to your home by the ocean,
may you never forget those sweet hours.
That we spent in the Red River Valley,
and the love we exchanged 'mid the flowers.

I have promised you, darling,
that never will a word from my lips cause you pain.
And my life, it will be yours forever,
if you only will love me again.