

# The Old Rugged Cross

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The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction!  
But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)

**G** **C**  
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
**D7** **G**  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
**C**  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
**D7** **C** **D7** **G**  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

## Chorus:

**D7** **G**  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
**C** **G**  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
**C**  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
**G** **D7** **G**  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

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. (Chorus)

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. (Chorus)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. (Chorus)