

RED RIVER VALLEY Trad, around 1800's

Second verse written by Woody Guthrie. 4 beats/chord unless noted. Intro: 1,2,3,4 1,2

tacet C G7 C//// ////
 From this valley they say you are going,
 C//// //// G7//// ////

We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile;
 C C7 F//// ////

For they say you are taking the sunshine,
 C G7 C//// I~

That has brightened our pathway awhile.

CHORUS

tacet C G7 C//// //// C//// //// G7//// ////
Come and sit by my side if you love me. Do not hasten to bid me adieu;
 C C7 F//// //// C G7 C//// ////

But remember the Red River Valley, & the cowboy who loved you so true.

C G7 C//// ////
 I've been thinking a long time, my darling,
 C//// //// G7//// ////

Of the sweet words you never would say;
 C C7 F//// ////

Now, alas, must my fond hopes all vanish,
 C G7 C//// I~

For they say you are going away. **CHORUS**

C G7 C//// ////
 Won't you think of the valley you're leaving?
 C//// //// G7//// ////

Oh, how lonely, how drear it will be;
 C C7 F//// ////

O-oh, think of the fond heart you're breaking,
 C G7 C//// I~

And the grief you are causing to me. **CHORUS**

C G7 C//// ////
 As you go to your home by the ocean,
 C//// //// G7//// ////

May you never forget those sweet hours—
 C C7 F//// ////

That we spent in the Red River Valley,
 C G7 C//// I~

And the love we exchanged mid the flowers. **CHORUS**

