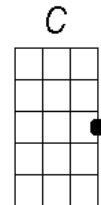


The Red River Valley (Unknown Artist, circa 1890s)

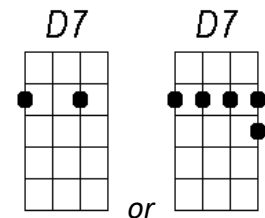
(G) From this valley they (D7) say you are (G) going,
I shall miss your bright eyes and sweet (D7) smile,
For alas (G) you are taking (G7) the sunshine
That has (D7) brightened my pathway a (G) while.

{Chorus}

Come sit by my (D7) side if you (G) love me,
Do not hasten to bid me (D7) adieu.
But (G) remember the (G7) Red River (C) Valley
And the (D7) girl who has loved you so (G) true.

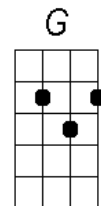


(G) For a long time my (D7) darling I've (G) waited
For the sweet words you never would (D7) say,
Now at (G) last all my (G7) fond hopes have (C) vanished
For they (D7) say you are going (G) away.



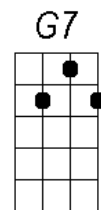
(G) When you go to your (D7) home by the (G) ocean
May you never forget the sweet (D7) hours
That we (G) spent in the (G7) Red River (C) Valley
Or the (D7) vows we exchanged mid the (G) bowers.

(G) Will you think of the (D7) valley you're (G) leaving?
Oh, how lonely and dreary 'twill (D7) be!
Will you (G) think of the (G7) fond heart you're (C) breaking
And be (D7) true to your promise to (G) me.



(G) The dark maid's prayer (D7) for her sweet (G) lover
To the spirit that rules o'er the (D7) world
His path (G) way with sun (G7) shine may you (C) cover
Leave his (D7) grief to the Red River (G) girl.

(G) There could never be (D7) such a sweet (G) longing
In the heart of a dark maiden's (D7) breast
As dwells (G) in the heart (G7) you are ah (C) breaking
With love (D7) for the boy who came out (G) west.



{Chorus}

But (G) remember the (G7) Red River (C) Valley
{Slowing} And the (D7) girl who has loved you so (G) true.