

# The Old Rugged Cross

John 3:16 has been the inspiration for countless songs - including this one, perhaps the most beloved of all gospel songs. The composer had always associated this verse in his mind's eye with a primitive, rough-hewn, Roman cross.

A song began to take shape. The melody was written first, and then some imperfect lyrics, but the song remained incomplete. Rewriting and polishing didn't seem to help. But then, while participating in a series of revival meetings, his heart was "strangely warmed." The words and music soon fell beautifully into place.

That happened to George Bennard, an officer in the Salvation Army back in 1913. Little did he know at that time what a phenomenal ministry his song would have. He had composed "The Old Rugged Cross."

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GEORGE BENNARD  
Arr. by Don Wytzen

*Expressively, not rushed*

*mp* *mf* *mp*

CHOIR in unison  
*mp* Tenderly

On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
各各他山嶺上，孤立一十字架。

The em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame;  
這是羞辱痛苦記号；

div.

(15)

*poco a poco cresc.*

And I love that old cross where the dear - est and  
 神愛子 主耶穌 為世人 被釘

*poco a poco cresc.*

*p*

best For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 死 這十架 為我 最愛最寶

*mf*

*mf*

*p*

*mp* (21)

So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross.  
 mel. 故我愛高 舉十字架

*mp*

mel.

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

我 到 陣 主 前 見 主 面

(29)

*mf*

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,

我 必 生 要 倚 靠 十 字 架。

And ex -

*mf*(35) *mp*

change it some day for a crown.

某 日 可 換 公 罪 冠。

*mp**mf*

O that old rug-ged cross, so de-  
主 聖 老 十 字 架 甚 世

spised by the world. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion 神 申 for 仁  
所 棄 聖 天 地 方 甚 却 是 無 神 仁

(47) poco a poco cresc.  
me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a -  
慈 神 愛 子 主 基 督 離 天 堂 榮 榮

poco a poco cresc.

*mf*

bove To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
華 甘願 為 世 人 背 此 苦 架。

*mf*

(55) *mp* mel.

So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, Till my  
故 我 愛 高 舉 十 字 架 架 到

*mp*

(59) (63) *mf*

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the  
在 主 前 見 主 面 我 一 生 要 背

*mf*

old rug-ged cross. And ex-change it some day for a crown

此十字架可換公義冠

(67)

crown, For a crown

冠 換 冠

(71)

*mp* *rall. mp*

*a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

crown, For a crown

冠 換 冠

*a tempo* *rit.*