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Tennessee Ernie Ford "The Old Rugged Cross"

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

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross 'Till my trophies at last I lay down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it someday for a crown

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

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown

Our lord was near death when he gave this cry
"Eli, Eli, Iama sabachthani?"
My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
Think of the tremendous love and devotion
That our Lord had in suffering such shame and such agony
As He was on that old rugged cross

Will exchange it someday for a crown

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown

And exchange it someday Some sweet day for a crown

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