

OLD RUGGED CROSS : OTEN Easy Music

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MUSIC SHEET for Arrangement by:

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3/4 time (pu = 1)

using **OTEN** EASY Music Notation Method

TEMPO: 120 BPM

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VERSES		Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation									
1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+

chord **Bb** **Bb**
 Pre-Verse 1 On a
 melody vD - Eb

chord **Bb** **Bb**
 1a hill far a- way, stood an
 melody F E-nat ^G F F - F

1b old rug- ged cross, the
 melody ^G F# - ^A G G -

1c em- blem of suf- fring and
 melody ^A G F Eb F Eb -

1d shame. And I
 melody vD D - Eb

1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
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1e love that old cross, where the
 melody F E-nat ^G F F - F

1f dear- est and best for a
 melody ^G F# - ^A G G - G

1g world of lost sin- ners was
 melody ^A G F - high ^Eb D C -

1h slain. So I'll
 melody Bb Bb A - Bb

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CHORUS												
	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
chord	F						F					
C-1	cher-	_	—	ish	the	_	Old	_	Rug-	_	ged	_
melody	^C			C	C		C		Bb		A	
	Bb						Bb					
C-2	Cross,	_	—	-	—	-	—	-	—	-	till	my
melody	^Bb										Bb -	A
	Eb						Eb					
C-3	tro-	_	—	phies,	at	_	last	_	I	_	lay	_
melody	^G		—	G	G		^Bb		A		G	
	Bb						Bb					
C-4	down.	_	—	-	—	-	—	-	—	-	I	will
melody	vF										F -	^Bb
	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+
	Bb						Bb					
C-5	cling	_	—	to	the	_	Old	_	Rug-	_	ged	_
melody	^D		—	-	D	D	D		^Eb		D	
	Eb						Eb					
C-6	Cross,	_	—	-	—	-	—	-	—	-	and	ex-
melody	vG										^Eb -	Eb
	Bb						F					
C-7	change	_	—	it	some-	_	day	_	for	_	a	_
melody	D		—	-	C	Bb	vF		A		^C	
	Bb						Bb					
C-8	crown.	_	—	-	—	-	—	-	—	-	—	-
melody	Bb											
	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+

"The message of the cross is the power of God." - First Corinthians 1:18

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LYRICS

VERSE 1

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.

CHORUS

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 some day for a crown.

VERSE 2

O the 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

VERSE 3

In the 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

VERSE 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true –
It's 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

God's Truth in James 2:19> "Believing in" God is NEVER enough to save us:
Demons "believe in God".... and TREMBLE.

All of the 1/8th notes in this song's timing of 6/8, using standard music notation, are harder to read.... but very EASY – all counted out – when switched to 3/4 time that uses simple quarter notes with the **OTEN, Osborne Text Notation System**. I Thank the Holy Spirit for *HIS* wisdom He gave me to invent this music method to help musicians at ALL levels to quickly play hymns and praise songs, and even to sketch out NEW songs for God on plain paper. – DianaDee Osborne