

The Red River Valley

'Tis a long time that I have been waiting
For the words that you never would say,
But today, my last hope, it has vanished
For they say you are going away.

Chorus:

Come and sit by my side if you love me.

Do not hasten to bid me adieu,

But remember the Red River Valley

And the girl that has loved you so true.

From our plains, I knew you would be going.

I shall miss your bright eyes and your smile,

For from me, you are taking the sunshine

That has brightened my path for a while.

Often think of the Red River Valley,

Very lonely and sad shall I be.

Do remember the heart you are breaking.

Promise you will be faithful to me.

When you sail far across the wide ocean,
May you never forget those bright hours
That we spent on the banks of the river
In the evening among prairie flowers.

(source: Songs For Canadian Girl Guides - Page 10)