

Tune of the Month

Red River Valley

Version I

Version II

Red River Valley is a cowboy's love song that originated in Canada with the Red River of the north. It has become a traditional American tune. The song was honored when it also became a story of the Red River between Oklahoma and Texas. Notice how much the double stops in Version II add to the sound. Nearly continuous use of drone strings is referred to as 'keeping a full fiddle.' It is simple tune, perhaps you already know it. It is an often-requested tune by "older folks."