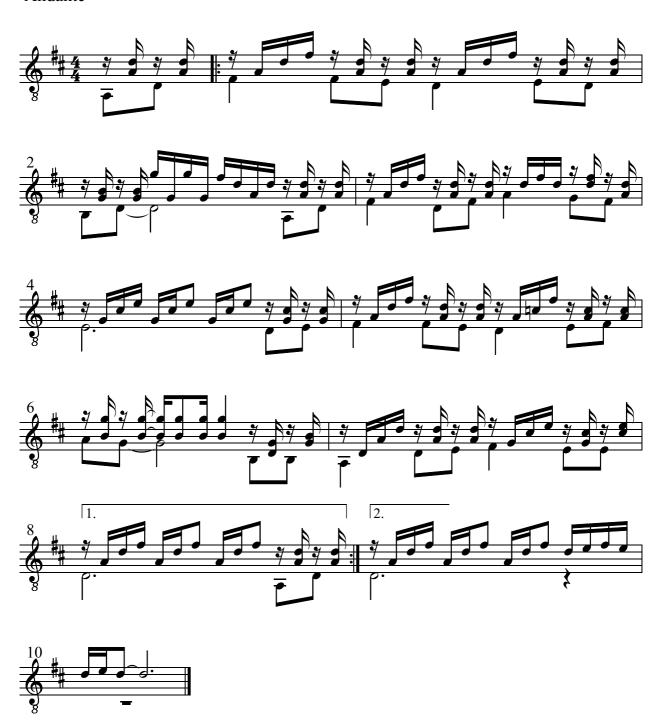
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From this valley they say you are going, I will miss your sweet face and sweet smile, Just because you are weary and tired, You are changing your range for a while.

Then come sit here a while 'ere you leave me, Do not hasten to bid me adieu But remember the Red River Valley And the girl that has loved you so true.

I've been thinking a long time, my darling, Of the sweet words you never would say, Now alas, must my fond hopes all vanish? For they say you are going away.

When you think of the valley you're leaving Oh how lonely and drear it it would be, When think of the fond heart you're breaking And the pain you are causing to me.

From this valley they say you are going; When you go, may your darling go too? Would you leave her behind unprotected When she loves no other but you?

I have promised you darling that never, Shall the words from my lips cause you pain; And my life is still your's forever, If you only will love me again.

Must the past with it's joys be blighted By the future of sorrow and pain, And the vows that were spoken be slighted? Don't you think, you can love me again?

As you go to your home by the ocean May you never forget those sweet hours That we spent in the Red River Valley And the love we exchanged 'mid the flowers.

There never could be such a longing In the heart of a poor maiden's breast, That dwells in the heart you are breaking As I wait in my home in the West. And the dark maiden's prayer for her lover To the Spirit that rules the world: May his pathway be ever in sunshine, Is the prayer of the Red River girl.