

# The Bog in the Valley

## Irish Folk Song

Traditional  
Arr. after The Irish Rovers

Lively ♩=110 *Refrain*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of seven verses, each with a unique title and a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are a cumulative list of items found in a bog, starting with 'Ho, ro, the rat-tlin' bog' and ending with 'the bog down in the val-ley-o'. Each verse is accompanied by guitar chords (D and A) and includes a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction at the end of the line. The verses are:

- Verse 1: The Tree** (measures 9-15): in that bog there was a tree, a rare tree, a rat-tlin' tree, the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 2: The Limb** (measures 16-23): on that tree there was a limb, a rare limb, a rat-tlin' limb, the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 3: The Branch** (measures 24-32): on that limb there was a branch, a rare branch, a rat-tlin' branch, the branch on the limb, and the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 4: The Twig** (measures 33-38): on that branch there was a twig, a rare twig, a rat-tlin' twig, the twig on the branch, and the branch on the limb, and the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 5: The Leaf** (measures 43-48): on that twig there was a leaf, a rare leaf, a rat-tlin' leaf, the leaf on the twig, and the twig on the branch, and the branch on the limb, and the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 6: The Bug** (measures 54-60): on that leaf there was a bug, a rare bug, a rat-tlin' bug, the bug on the leaf, and the leaf on the twig, and the twig on the branch, and the branch on the limb, and the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.
- Verse 7: The Hair** (measures 66-72): on that bug there was a hair, a rare hair, a rat-tlin' hair, the hair on the bug, and the bug on the leaf, and the leaf on the twig, and the twig on the branch, and the branch on the limb, and the limb on the tree, and the tree in the bog, and the bog down in the val-ley-o.