

The Happy Wanderer (G)

G **D**
I love to go a-wandering along the mountain track,
D7 **G** **C** **D** **G**
and as I go, I love to sing, my knapsack on my back.

Chorus

D **G** **D** **G** -----
Val-deri, val-dera, val-dera, val-dera-ha-ha-ha-ha,
D **G** **C** **D** **G**
val-deri, val-dera, my knapsack on my back.

G **D**
I love to wander by the stream that dances in the sun
D7 **G** **C** **D** **G**
So joyously it calls to me come join my happy song

Chorus

G **D**
I wave my hat to all I meet, and they wave back to me,
D7 **G** **C** **D** **G**
and blackbirds call so loud and sweet from ev'ry green wood tree.

Chorus

G **D**
High overhead the skylarks wing, they never rest at home,
D7 **G** **C** **D** **G**
but just like me, they love to sing as o'er the world we roam.

Chorus

G **D**
Oh, may I go a-wandering until the day I die !
D7 **G** **C** **D** **G**
oh, may I always laugh and sing beneath God's clear blue sky !

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The Happy Wanderer (capo on 5 ->F)

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G **C** **F** **G** **C**
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G7 **C** **F** **G** **C**
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The Happy Wanderer (ukelele plays in F)

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Chorus

C **F** **C** **F** -----
Val-deri, val-dera, val-dera, val-dera-ha-ha-ha-ha,
C **F** **Bb** **C** **F**
val-deri, val-dera, my knapsack on my back.

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C7 **F** **Bb** **C** **F**
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