

Steel Rail Blues

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INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C] / [C] / [C] / [C]

Well I [C] got my mail, late last night
A [C] letter from a girl who [C7] found the time to [F] write
To her [F] lonesome boy, somewhere's in the [C] night
She [F] sent me a railroad ticket too
To [F] take me to her lovin' [C] arms
And the big steel [Am] rail gonna carry me [G7] home
To the one I [C] love [Em] / [Am][G7] /
[C][Em] / [Am][G7]

Well I [C] been out here, many long days
I [C] haven't found a place that [C7] I could call my [F] own
Not a [F] two-bit bed, to lay my body [C] on
I [F] been stood up, I been shook down
I been [F] dragged into the [C] sand
And the big steel [Am] rail gonna carry me [G7] home
To the one I [C] love [Em] / [Am][G7] /

CHORUS:

[F] Oooo [Em] oooo [Am] ooo oo-oo-[C]oooo-[C]ooo
[F] Oo [Em] oo [Am] oo [G7] oo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C]

Well I [C] been up tight, most every night
[C] Walkin' along the [C7] streets of this old [F] town
Not a [F] friend around, to tell my troubles [C] to
My [F] good old car, she done broke down
'Cause I [F] drove it into the [C] ground
And the big steel [Am] rail gonna carry me [G7] home
To the one I [C] love [Em] / [Am][G7]

Well I [C] look over yonder across the plain
The [C] big drive wheels a-[C7]poundin' along the [F] ground
Gonna [F] get on board, and I'll be homeward [C] bound
Now [F] I ain't had a home-cooked meal
And [F] Lord I need one [C] now
And the big steel [Am] rail gonna carry me [G7] home
To the one I [C] love [Em] / [Am][G7] /

CHORUS:

[F] Oooo [Em] oooo [Am] ooo oo-oo-[C]oooo-[C]ooo

[F] Oo [Em] oo [Am] oo [G7] oo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C]

Now [C] here I am, with my hat in my hand

[C] Standin' on the broad high-[C7]way, will you give a [F] ride

To a [F] lonesome boy, who missed the train last [C] night

I [F] went in town, for one last round

And I [F] gambled my ticket a-[C]way

And the big steel [Am] rail won't carry me [G7] home

To the one I [C] love [Em] / [Am][G7] /

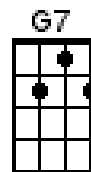
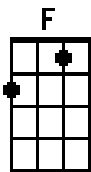
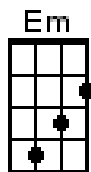
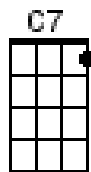
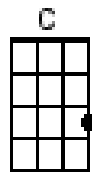
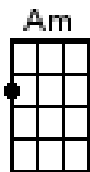
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[F] Oo [Em] oo [Am] oo [G7] oo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C] oooo [C]↓



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