

## **Breckman Andy**

### **"Railroad Bill"**

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Now Railroad Bill was a hard living man  
He used to take his women two at a time  
And everyone agreed he was the badest engineer  
That ever driven down the Santa Fe line  
His name was known from the folks back home  
To the tippy top of telegraph hill  
And all the little boys when they were sneaking  
cigarettes  
They used to dream about the Railroad Bill

Well one day Bill was walking along  
And he saw a kitten stuck in a tree  
When he saw what was the matter he ran to get a  
ladder  
To set that kitty cat free  
Bill said no, ain't gonna do it  
Ain't gonna climb up no tree  
This is a stupid stupid song and no folk singer  
Gonna make a fool outa me

I said one day Bill was walking along  
And he saw a kitten stuck in a tree  
When he saw what was the matter he ran to get a  
ladder  
To set that kitty cat free  
Bill said no, ain't gonna do it  
Ain't gonna do what you said  
This is a stupid stupid song and as far as I'm  
concerned  
That cat can stay there till it's dead

I said wait a minute Bill, you can't argue with me  
For God's sake I just made you up  
I got the pen in my hand, I want you up in that tree  
I want that cat unstuck  
Bill said no, I hate cats  
Ain't gonna climb for no cat  
He said why don't you have me save a beautiful girl  
Who's been tied down to the railroad tracks?

I said maybe there'll be room in the 8th or 9th verse  
But right now I want you up in that tree

I'm the writer, God Damn, I got the pen in my hand  
And you're supposed to listen to me  
He said you asshole!  
Why should I listen to you, you should be listening to  
me instead  
He said I'm a railroad man and if I was real  
I'd separate your face from your head

You ungrateful brute, I cried, you pushed me too far  
I gotta show you I can do as I please  
So an earthquake came and it shook the whole terrain  
And it brought Railroad Bill to his knees  
And then a tidal wave broke and everything got soaked  
Bill was almost completely washed away  
And then a big green monster from the planet Neptune  
landed  
An bit Railroad Bill on the leg

I got the pen in my hand!  
I can do what I want  
I'm a bright new young talent on the rise  
So get your ass up that tree or I swear you ain't gonna  
Get out of my folk song alive

He said you don't scare me  
You might be funny, but you don't scare me  
And if you don't leave me alone I'm gonna tell  
everybody  
Where you stole this melody  
But before he could speak, his tongue fell out  
And he could not make a sound  
Suddenly he jumped on top of me and grabbed me by  
the neck  
And pulled me to the ground  
And he hit me in the stomach  
And he hit me in the face real hard  
I think he almost broke my nose  
Just then a lightning bolt came outa nowhere  
Hit him right between the eyes and killed him instantly

The cat came down from the tree, had a bowl of warm  
milk  
Went to sleep for the night  
Railroad Bill is survived by a wife and three kids  
Dear God, I love to write...

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