

Gordon Lightfoot "Steel Rail Blues"

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Well I got my mail late last night
A letter from a girl who found the time
To write
To her lonesome boy somewheres in the
Night
She sent me a railroad ticket too
To take me to her lovin' arms
And the big steel rail gonna carry me
Home to the one I love

Well I bin out here many long days
I haven't found a place that I could call
My own
Not a two bit bed to lay my body on
I bin stood up I bin shook down
I bin dragged into the sand
And the big steel rail gonna carry me
Home to the one I love
Ooooh oooo oo whu hu hoo
Ooo ooo ooo ooo ooo ooo oo

Well I bin up tight most every night
Walkin' along the streets of this old town
Not a friend around to tell my troubles to
My good old car she done broke down
'Cause i drove it into the ground
And the big steel rail gonna carry me
Home to the one I love

Well I look over yonder across the plain
The big drive wheels are poundin' along
The ground
Gonna get on board and I'll be homeward
Bound
Now I ain't had a home cooked meal
And Lord I need one now
And the big steel rail gonna carry me
Home to the one I love

Now here I am with my hat in hand
Standin' on the broad highway will you
Give a ride

To a lonesome boy who missed the train
Last night
I went in town for one last round
And I gambled my ticket away
And the big steel rail won't carry me
Home to the one I love

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