

## **Hank Snow**

# **"The Texas Silver Zephyr"**

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She was a young and pretty Coleman county farm girl  
Never been more than fifty miles from home  
I was just a drifter I was living off the land  
Spent the summer on her daddy's farm

In the evening we'd walk along the railroad  
We'd hear that lonesome whistle in the night  
And she'd pretend we rode the rails to Denver  
Cause' her head was full of flashin' neon lights

Twass' that big old shiny diesel as it rounded Carter's  
bend  
Was enough to make a young girl want to roam  
She'd pretend she rode those shiny rails all around the  
world  
And had the Texas Silver Zephyr bring her home

As summer work was over and restless got to me  
I kept talkin' 'bout the places I would go  
Then her young head got to spinnin' for the things  
she'd never seen  
So she followed me to Denver in the fall

Then jobs got scarce in central Colorado  
And then the winter nights got awful cold  
Just one old army blanket was the only one we had

No money for the oil to run the stove

Yes that big old shiny diesel as it rounded Carter's  
bend  
Was enough to make a young girl want to roam  
But through all those hungry nights the only promise  
that I made  
I had the Texas Silver Zephyr take her home

When she started feelin' bad she didn't tell me  
She had a way of keepin' problems all her own  
So I didn't know her troubles with the baby  
Before I could get a doctor she was gone

Lord I know it's not the way she really wanted things to

be  
In her dreams she had a pullman all her own  
But she'd be proud of me to know I kept my promise  
And had the Texas Silver Zephyr take her home  
And had the Texas Silver Zephyr take her home

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