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"May I Sleep In Your Barn Tonight Mister"

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One night it was dark and it was storming when along
came a tramp in the rain
He was making his way to some station to catch a long
distance train

May I sleep in your barn Mister it is cold lying out on the
ground
And the cold north wind is whistling and I have no place
to lie down
Now I have no tobacco nor matches and I'm sure I can
cause you no harm
I will tell you my story kind Mister for it runs through my
heart like a storm

It was three years ago just last summer I shall never
forget that sad day
When a stranger came out from the city and said that
he wanted to stay
Now the stranger was fair tall and handsome and he
looked like a man who had wealth
And he wanted to stay in the country said he wanted to
stop for his health

One night as I came from my workshop I was whistling
and singing with joy

I expected a kind hearty welcome from my sweet loving
wife and my boy
But what did I find but a letter it was placed in my room
on the stand
And the moment my eyes fell upon it I picked it right up
in my hand

Now this note said my wife and the stranger had left
and had taken my son
Oh I wonder if God up in heaven only knows what this
stranger has done
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