

## **Hurt Mississippi John "Spike Driver Blues"**

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She walked down the yard, caught the longest train she  
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Said, she'd ride and ride "till the blues wear offa me"

It's two bullyin' freight trains runnin' side by side

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They done stole my rider and I guess they's satisfied

They rode in the Delta, kept on easin' by

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Know I feel just like she said her last goodbye

Friend, she won't write, she won't telephone

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Makes me believe to my soul rider calls that "gone"<sup>1</sup>

But if I had wings, friend, like Noah's dove

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I would raise and fly, God knows, where my lover was

I laid down at night, I can't sleep at all

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Awful lyin' there wondering if someone rollin' in her  
arms

Laid my head on my pillow, friends, it be's too high

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Taken down with, I'm gettin' sick and 'bout to die

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