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"Ghost In The Music"

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Down at the station the tracks are cold
The wheels of thunder, they roll no more
And the heart of America cries for the souls
Who won't be rollin' home

The dragon weeps with empty eyes
The whistle sigh's no more in the night
It rests in the lines like a ghost in the music
The soul of America's pride

The toil of our fathers with foreign hands
They laid the tracks and they opened the plains
They fought the mountains and they merged our seas
They set America free

Tell me, where is the blaze of the hobo's cauldron?
The refuge for these poor and these fallen?
While it rests in the lines like a ghost in the music
The soul of America's pride

Foreign father, American son
Father see what your son has done
He's torn up the mountains and reshaped the plains
The dreams he dreams aren't the same

To the fallen ones who may still be askin'
"Who'd take time to stir these ashes
And who'd hear the lines of a ghost in the music
And kindle America's pride?"

Tell me, where is the blaze of the hobo's cauldron?
The refuge for these poor and these fallen?
While it rests in the lines, like a ghost in the music
The soul of America's pride

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