

# Steel Rail Blues

Gordon Lightfoot

C C C C7 F  
Well I got my mail late last night a letter from a girl who found the time to write  
F F C  
To her lonesome boy somewhere's in the night  
F F F C  
She sent me a railroad ticket too, to take me to her lovin' arms  
Am G7 C// Em// Am// G7//  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

## <Refrain>

F Em Am C F// Em// Am// G7// C C C C  
Ooh ooh ooh ooh-oo ooh, Ooh ooh ooh ooh oo - oo - ooh

C C C C7 F  
Well I been out here many long days, I haven't found a place that I could call my own  
F F C  
Not a two bit bed to lay my body on  
F F F C  
I been stood up, I been shook down, I been dragged into the sand  
Am G7 C C  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

C C C C7 F  
Well I been up tight most every night, walkin' around the streets of this old town  
F F C  
Not a friend around to tell my troubles to  
F F F C  
My old car, she done broke down, 'cause I drove it into the ground  
Am G7 C// Em// Am// G7//  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

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Well look over yonder across the plain, the big drive wheels a-poundin' along the ground  
Gonna get on board and I'll be homeward bound  
Now I aint 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 <Chorus>

Now here I am with my hat in my hand, standin' on the broad highway, will you give a ride  
To a lonesome boy who missed the train last night  
I went into 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 <Chorus>

