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Not for mother's mercy and not for lover's kiss
I've seen my share of Tennessee, and now I'm headed West
If 'er good fate and fortune should ever pass my way
I give my word to Caroline, I won't be long away

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Many a train I've ridden, many a day I've cursed
I've not forgot the choice I made, the many sweet lines rehearsed
If 'er good fate and fortune should ever pass my way
I'll fly back home to Caroline, make her my wife that day

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**You're the first thing on my mind, the last breath that I take
And in my darkest hour you drive the fear away
But I always had my reason and you're my reason why
I would walk a thousand miles just to have you by my side**

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Hard work and honest living make fast a rich man poor
The pleasures I've known, my hand have made, but I pray good lord for yours
If 'er good fate and fortune should ever pass my way
I gave my word to Caroline, but I've grown old and grey

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I've learned to love the morning, the mist and sunny dew
My dreams have come full circle now, I'm coming home to you you
If 'er good fate and fortune should ever pass my way
I'd fly back home to Caroline, but she waits in a lonesome grave

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For now good fate and fortune have long since passed me by
Lay down with my lover below, and leave no tear behind