

CFFC | C[♯]AmFG^D | CFF_mC | C[♯]AmG^dC

Not for mother's mercy and not for lover's kiss
I left my heart in Tennessee, to strike it big out West
If 'er good fate and fortune should come and pass my way
Give my word to Caroline, I won't be long away

CFFC | C[♯]AmFG^D | CFF_mC | C[♯]AmG^dC

Many a train I've traveled, 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 come and pass my way
I'll fly back home to Caroline, make her my wife that day

CFFC | C[♯]AmFG^D | CFF_mC | C[♯]AmG^dC

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

GCGC | AmAmGC | CCGC | AmGFC

**You're the first thing on my mind, the last breath I take
And in my darkest hour you're the light that breaks the day
But I always had my reason and you're my reason why
I'm riding on through all the years with you dancing in my mind**

CFFC | C[♯]AmFG^D | CFF_mC | C[♯]AmG^dC

I've learned to love the morning, the sun, the mist, the dew
I've found my golden circle, I'm coming home for you
For now good fate and fortune have turned and passed my way
I'll fly back home to Caroline, I hope I ain't too late

CFFC | C[♯]AmFG^D | CFF_mC | C[♯]AmG^dC

The streets are dressed in darkness, my mother's tears run cold
Caroline died early, without your hand to hold
For now good fate and fortune have long since passed me by
Lay me down with the woman I love, and leave no tear behind