

# Steel Rail Blues

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I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
G	A	B	C	D	E	F
C	D	E	F	G	A	B

Note: Key of C

**Turn around between Verses I V(VII) VI<sub>m</sub> V (x2)**

**Bridge IV III<sub>m</sub> IV I IV V VI<sub>m</sub> V(VII) I**

I  
Well I got my mail late last night  
A letter from a girl who found the time to write IV  
To her lonesome boy somewheres in the night I  
IV  
She sent me a railroad ticket too  
I  
To take me to her lovin arms  
VI<sub>m</sub> V I  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

**Turn around I V(VII) VI<sub>m</sub> V (x2)**

I  
Well I been out here many long days  
IV  
Haven't found a place to call my own I  
Not a two bit bed to lay my body on IV  
I've been stood up, I've been shook down  
I  
Been dragged into the sand VI<sub>m</sub> V I  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

**Bridge IV III<sub>m</sub> IV I IV V VI<sub>m</sub> V(VII) I**

I  
Well I've been uptight most every night  
IV  
Walkin the streets of this old town  
I  
Not a friend around to tell my troubles to  
IV  
My good old car it done broke down  
I  
Cause I drove it into the ground  
VI<sub>m</sub> V I  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Turn around I V(VII) VI<sub>m</sub> V (x2)

I  
Well look over yonder across the plain  
IV  
The big drive wheels a-poundin in the lonely ground  
I  
Gonna get on board and I'll be homeward bound  
IV  
Well I ain't had a home cooked meal  
I  
And lord I need one now  
VI<sub>m</sub> V I  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Bridge IV III<sub>m</sub> IV I IV V VI<sub>m</sub> V(VII) I

I  
Well here I am with my head in the sand  
IV  
Standin' on the broad highway – would you give a ride  
I  
To a lonesome boy who missed the train last night  
IV  
I went into town for one last round  
I  
And I gambled my ticket away  
VI<sub>m</sub> V  
I  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love