

## Living in the Country

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You know the guitar came to Europe with the gypsies 700 years ago  
Spain brought the guitar to Mexico 400 years ago  
U.S.A. picked a quarrel with Mexico and got Texas and California  
And it also got the guitar and the guitar got us

It was Afro American people in the south  
That worked out this way of playing it though  
You know in Europe they usually play a guitar  
But the Afro American people worked out a way to play it  
Just like a drum band

The base strings were played by a thumb with a steady beat  
And the top strings were played  
With the finger and got all the little off beats  
Up in Syracuse there's a 92 year old woman  
Who wrote a song, which some of you may know  
She plays it, who knows it?

Freight train, freight train goin' so fast  
Freight train, freight train goin' so fast

Please don't tell them which train I'm on  
So they won't know which route I've gone

When I die just bury me deep  
Down at the foot of old Chestnut Street  
So I can hear old number nine  
As she goes roaring by

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Freight train, freight train goin' so fast  
Please don't tell them which train I'm on  
So they won't know which route I've gone

When I'm dead and in my grave  
No more good times do I crave  
Place the tombstone at my head and my feet  
Tell my friends that I've gone to sleep

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