

Freight Train Blues

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I was born in Dixie in a boomer's shack
Just a little shanty by the railroad track
The freight train whistle taught me how to cry
The whinin' of the driver was my lullaby

I got the freight train blues
Lordy lordy lordy, I got 'em in the bottom of my
ramblin shoes
And when the whistle blows, I got to go
Oh lordy don't you know it,
Looks like I'm never gonna lose the freight train blues

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Well the only thing that makes me laugh I guess
Is the southbound whistle on the southbound train
The only place I want to go and I can't go
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