

## Steel Rail Blues

Gordon Lightfoot

Well I got my mail late last night  
A letter from a girl who found the time to write  
To her lonesome boy somewhere in the night  
She sent me a railroad ticket too to take me to her loving arms  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Well I been out here many long days  
I haven't found a place that I could call my own  
Not a two bit bed to lay my body on  
I been stood up I been shook down I been dragged into the sand  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Ooh, ooh, ooh  
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Well I been up tight most every night  
Walking along the streets of this old town  
Not a friend around to tell my troubles to  
My good old car she done broke down  
'Cause I drove it into the ground  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Well look over yonder across the plain  
The big drive wheels a-pounding along the ground  
Gonna get on board and I'll be homeward bound  
Now I ain't had a home cooked meal and Lord I need one now  
And the big steel rail gonna carry me home to the one I love

Ooh, ooh, ooh  
Ooh, ooh, ooh  
Ooh, ooh, ooh

Now here I am with my head in my hand  
Standing on the broad highway will you give a ride  
To a lonesome boy who missed the train last night  
I went in town for one last round and I gambled my ticket away  
And the big steel rail won't carry me home to the one I love

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