

# Rock Island Line

Johnny Cash

This here's a story  
About the Rock Island Line

Well, the Rock Island Line  
Runs from New Orleans going North  
The train driver pulled  
Up to the toll gate  
The man asked him what all  
They had on board

He said, I ain't got no pig iron  
He said, whattaya got

He said, I got livestock  
I got livesock, I got cows  
I got pigs, I got chicks  
I got cows, I got sheep  
I got mules, I got all livestock  
I got all livestock  
I got all livestock

Man said, you're alright then  
You go on through

So he went on through the tollgate  
And as he went through  
He started picking up  
And a little bit of speed  
Picking up a little bit of steam

As he went through, he says  
Well, I fooled you, I fooled you  
I got pig iron, I got pig iron  
I got all pig iron, I got all pig iron  
Let's move it for him now

Down the Rock Island Line  
Is a mighty good road  
Rock Island Line  
Is the road to ride  
Rock Island Line  
Is a mighty good road

Well, if you ride  
You got to ride it like you find it  
Get your ticket at the station  
On the Rock Island Line

Well, cloudy and lost  
And it looks like rain  
Around the curve  
Come a passenger train

Yes, the Rock Island Line  
Is a mighty good road  
Rock Island Line  
Is the road to ride

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Then she goes on North and  
When she crosses the  
Flat land of Illinois  
She picks up a little bit more speed

Oh, a, b, c, w, x, y, z  
Cat's in the cupboard  
But he don't see me

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