

# Empire Builder

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All day, everyday  
I swing my hammer to the metal on the northern railway  
Always a movie playing in my head  
A million movies starring you and me  
Moonshine every night  
Eating supper by the fire out in the clear moonlight  
Ankles crossed, hands behind my head  
Telling stories, singing songs about the west  
I'm always thinking of you  
Staring off down the railroad line  
One sweet day i will see you  
But i'll swing the hammer until  
The empire builder brings me home  
For two months and two odd weeks  
Sometimes days go by in which nobody speaks  
From illinois to washington  
There ain't nothing but the hammer to the rail  
One day when this track runs through  
I'm gonna buy a new suit and come looking for you  
Care free, you and me  
We'll take the empire builder to the sea  
And i'm always thinking of you  
Staring off down the railroad line  
One sweet day i will see you  
But i'll swing the hammer until  
The empire builder brings me home