Last night I went to sleep in Detroit City,
And I dreamed about those cotton fields at home.
I dreamed about my mother,
Dear old papa, sister and brother,

I dreamed about that girl Who's been waiting for so long. I wanna go home, I wanna go home, Oh, how I wanna go home!

Home, folks think I'm big in Detroit City.

From the letters that I write, they think I'm fine.

But by day, I make the cars,

And by night I make the bars,

If only they could read between the lines!

You know,
I rode a freight train north to Detroit City.
After all these years,
I find that I've just been wastin' my time.
So I just think I'll take my foolish pride,
Put on a south bound freight and ride,
Goin' back to the love ones,
The ones I left waitin' so far behind.

I wanna go home, I wanna go home, Oh, how I want to go home.