# Steel Rail Blues

Gordon Lightfoot 1966

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G] / [G] / [G]**

Well I **[G]** got my mail, late last night

A **[G]** letter from a girl who **[G7]** found the time to **[C]** write

To her **[C]** lonesome boy, somewhere's in the **[G]** night

She **[C]** sent me a railroad ticket too

To **[C]** take me to her lovin' **[G]** arms

And the big steel **[Em]** rail gonna carry me **[D7]** home

To the one I **[G]** love **[Bm] /** **[Em][D7]** **/**

**[G][Bm]** **/** **[Em][D7]**

Well I **[G]** been out here, many long days

I **[G]** haven't found a place that **[G7]** I could call my **[C]** own

Not a **[C]** two-bit bed, to lay my body **[G]** on

I **[C]** been stood up, I been shook down

I been **[C]** dragged into the **[G]** sand

And the big steel **[Em]** rail gonna carry me **[D7]** home

To the one I **[G]** love **[Bm]** **/** **[Em][D7]** **/**

**CHORUS:**

**[C]** Oooo **[Bm]** oooo **[Em]** ooo oo-oo-**[G]**oooo-**[G]**ooo

**[C]** Oo **[Bm]** oo **[Em]** oo **[D7]** oo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]**

Well I **[G]** been up tight, most every night

**[G]** Walkin' along the **[G7]** streets of this old **[C]** town

Not a **[C]** friend around, to tell my troubles **[G]** to

My **[C]** good old car, she done broke down

'Cause I **[C]** drove it into the **[G]** ground

And the big steel **[Em]** rail gonna carry me **[D7]** home

To the one I **[G]** love **[Bm]** **/** **[Em][D7]**

Well I **[G]** look over yonder across the plain

The **[G]** big drive wheels a-**[G7]**poundin' along the **[C]** ground

Gonna **[C]** get on board, and I'll be homeward **[G]** bound

Now **[C]** I ain’t had a home-cooked meal

And **[C]** Lord I need one **[G]** now

And the big steel **[Em]** rail gonna carry me **[D7]** home

To the one I **[G]** love **[Bm]** **/** **[Em][D7]** **/**

**CHORUS:**

**[C]** Oooo **[Bm]** oooo **[Em]** ooo oo-oo-**[G]**oooo-**[G]**ooo

**[C]** Oo **[Bm]** oo **[Em]** oo **[D7]** oo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]**

Now **[G]** here I am, with my hat in my hand

**[G]** Standin' on the broad high-**[G7]**way, will you give a **[C]** ride

To a **[C]** lonesome boy, who missed the train last **[G]** night

I **[C]** went in town, for one last round

And I **[C]** gambled my ticket a-**[G]**way

And the big steel **[Em]** rail won’t carry me **[D7]** home

To the one I **[G]** love **[Bm]** **/** **[Em][D7]** **/**

**CHORUS:**

**[C]** Oooo **[Bm]** oooo **[Em]** ooo oo-oo-**[G]**oooo-**[G]**ooo

**[C]** Oo **[Bm]** oo **[Em]** oo **[D7]** oo **[G]** oooo **[G7]** oooo

**[C]** Oooo **[Bm]** oooo **[Em]** ooo oo-oo-**[G]**oooo-**[G]**ooo

**[C]** Oo **[Bm]** oo **[Em]** oo **[D7]** oo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]** oooo **[G]↓**

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