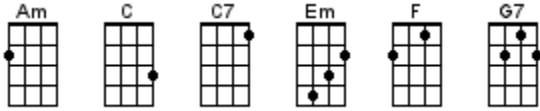# Steel Rail Blues

Gordon Lightfoot 1966

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Well I **[C]** got my mail, late last night
A **[C]** letter from a girl who **[C7]** found the time to **[F]** write
To her **[F]** lonesome boy, somewhere's in the **[C]** night
She **[F]** sent me a railroad ticket too
To **[F]** take me to her lovin' **[C]** arms
And the big steel **[Am]** rail gonna carry me **[G7]** home
To the one I **[C]** love **[Em]** / **[Am][G7]** /
[C][Em] / [Am][G7]

Well I **[C]** been out here, many long days
I **[C]** haven't found a place that **[C7]** I could call my **[F]** own
Not a **[F]** two-bit bed, to lay my body **[C]** on
I **[F]** been stood up, I been shook down
I been **[F]** dragged into the **[C]** sand
And the big steel **[Am]** rail gonna carry me **[G7]** home
To the one I **[C]** love **[Em]** / **[Am][G7]** /

CHORUS:
[F] Oooo **[Em]** oooo **[Am]** ooo oo-oo-**[C]**oooo-**[C]**ooo
[F] Oo **[Em]** oo **[Am]** oo **[G7]** oo **[C]** oooo **[C]** oooo **[C]** oooo **[C]**

Well I **[C]** been up tight, most every night
[C] Walkin' along the **[C7]** streets of this old **[F]** town
Not a **[F]** friend around, to tell my troubles **[C]** to
My **[F]** good old car, she done broke down
'Cause I **[F]** drove it into the **[C]** ground
And the big steel **[Am]** rail gonna carry me **[G7]** home
To the one I **[C]** love **[Em]** / **[Am][G7]**

Well I **[C]** look over yonder across the plain
The **[C]** big drive wheels a-**[C7]**poundin' along the **[F]** ground
Gonna **[F]** get on board, and I'll be homeward **[C]** bound
Now **[F]** I ain't had a home-cooked meal
And **[F]** Lord I need one **[C]** now
And the big steel **[Am]** rail gonna carry me **[G7]** home
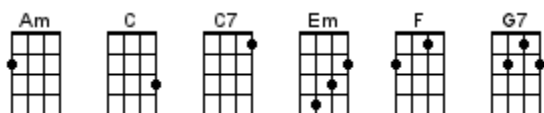To the one I **[C]** love **[Em]** / **[Am][G7]** /

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Now **[C]** here I am, with my hat in my hand
[C] Standin' on the broad high-**[C7]**way, will you give a **[F]** ride
To a **[F]** lonesome boy, who missed the train last **[C]** night
I **[F]** went in town, for one last round
And I **[F]** gambled my ticket a-**[C]**way
And the big steel **[Am]** rail won't carry me **[G7]** home
To the one I **[C]** love **[Em]** / **[Am][G7]** /

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[F] Oo **[Em]** oo **[Am]** oo **[G7]** oo **[C]** oooo **[C]** oooo **[C]** oooo **[C]**↓