# Steel Rail Blues

Gordon Lightfoot 1966

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

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] /**

**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]**

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] /**

**CHORUS:**

**[F]** Oooo **[Em]** oooo **[Am]** ooo oo-oo-**[C]**oooo-**[C]**ooo

**[F]** Oo **[Em]** oo **[Am]** oo **[G7]** oo **[C]** oooo **[C7]** oooo

**[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]↓**

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