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Freight Train- Elizabeth Cotton C

C G7
Freight train, Freight train, goin' so fast,
C
Freight train, Freight train, goin' so fast,
E7 F
Please don't tell what train I'm on
C G7 C
So they won't know where I'm gone.

Freight train, Freight train, goin' round the bend,
Freight train, Freight train, comin' back again,
One of these days turn that train around
And go back to my home town.

One more place I'd like to be,
One more place I'd lie to see,
To watch them old Blue Ridge Mountains climb,
When I ride old number nine.

When I die Lord, Bury me deep,
Down at the end of Chestnut street,
Where I can hear old number nine
As she comes down the line.

Freight train, Freight train, goin' so fast,
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Please don't tell what train I'm on
So they won't know where I'm gone.

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John Hardy C

C F C
John Hardy, he was a desperate little man
F C
He carried two guns every day
F C
He shot a man on the West Virginia line
C
I seen John Hardy getting' away poor boy
C
I seen John Hardy getting' away

F C
John Hardy went up on that Keystone bridge
F C
There he thought he was free
F C
Up came a deputy and he caught him by the arm
C
Said "Johnny, come and go with me poor boy,
C
Johnny, come and go with me"

John Hardy had a mother and a father too
He begged them to come and go his bail
There was no bail allowed for the murderin' man
They threw John Hardy back in jail poor boy
They threw John Hardy back in jail

John Hardy he had a pretty little wife
And the dress she wore was blue
She come to the jailhouse with a loud shout
Said "Johnny I been true to you poor boy,
Johnny I been true to you"

John Hardy, was standing in his cell
And tears are rollin' down his eyes
Said, "I have been the death of many a poor man
And now I am ready for to die poor boy
And now I am ready for to die"

I've been to the East I've been to the West
I've travelled this wide world around
I've been to the river and I've been to baptized
Now take me to my hanging ground Lord, Lord
Take me to my hanging ground

Take me to my hanging ground Lord, Lord
Take me to my hanging ground.

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Putting on the Style Vernon Dalhart/ Lonnie Donegan

G Young man in a carriage, driving like he's mad **D**

With a pair of horses that he's borrowed from his dad **G**

Cracks his whip so lively, to see his lady smile **C**

But she knows he's only putting on the style **D** **G**

Putting on the agony, putting on the style **D**

That's what all the young folks are doing all the while **G**

And as I look around me, I sometimes have to smile **C**

Seeing all the young folk putting on the style **D** **G**

Sweet sixteen goes to church, just to see the boys

Turns her head and giggles at every little noise

First this way a little, then that way a while

The boys all know she's only putting on the style

Putting on the agony,

Young man just from college makes a great display

With a great long jawbreaker that he can hardly say.

It can't be found in Webster's, and won't be for a while

For we know he's only putting on the style

Putting on the agony,...

Preacher in the pulpit roars with all his might

Sings "Glory Hallelujah", puts the folks all in a fright.

You might think that Satan is coming down the aisle

But it's only the preacher putting on the style

Putting on the agony,

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Railroad Bill C capo 2

Chorus

C

Railroad Bill, Railroad Bill

F

He never worked and he never will

G7

C

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

G7

C

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

C

Well Railroad Bill he done stole my wife

F

If you don't look out he's going to take your life

G7

C

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

G7

C

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol just as long as my arm

Kill anybody that done me harm

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol on a 45 frame

How can I miss when I've got that aim

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Going up the mountain Lord I'm going out West

38 pistol sticking out of my vest

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol just as long as my arm

Kill anybody that done me harm

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus x2

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Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Am capo2 (Bm)

Chorus

Am

E7

Am

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

E

E7

Am

And the walls came tumblin' down

Repeat Chorus

Am

You may talk about your men of Gideon

E7

You may talk about your men of Saul

Am

D

But there's none like good old Josh-u-a

E

E7 Am

E

At the battle of Jericho

Chorusx2

'Way up to the walls of Jericho

With a sword drawn in his hand

"Go blow the ram's horn," Joshua cried

"'Cause the battle is in my hands"

Chorusx2

Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns began to blow

And the trumpets began to sound.

And Joshua commanded the children to shout

And the walls came tumblin' down

Chorus x2

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Times Are Getting Hard, Boys C

C **Dm**
Times are getting hard, boys
G7 **C**
Money's getting scarce
C **Dm**
If times don't get no better, boys
G7 **C**
Gonna leave this place
C **Dm**
Take my true love by the hand
G **F** **C**
Lead her through the town
C **Dm**
Saying good-bye to everyone
G7 **C**
Good-bye to everyone

Take my bible from the bed
Shotgun from the wall
Take old Sal and hitch her up
The wagon for to haul
Pile the chairs and beds up high
Let nothing drag the ground
Sal can pull and we can push
We're bound to leave this town

Made a crop a year ago
It withered to the ground
Tried to get some credit
But the banker turned me down
But I'm goin' to Californ-i-ay
Where everything is green
Goin' to have the best ole farm
That you have ever seen

Times are getting hard, boys
Money's getting scarce
If times don't get no better, boys
Gonna leave this place
Take my true love by the hand
Lead her through the town
Saying good-bye to everyone
Good-bye to everyone

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Last Train to San Fernando G

Chorus:

G D G D G
Last train to San Fernando, last train to San Fernando
C D G D G
If you miss this one, you'll never get another one
D G
Biddy diddy bum bum to San Fernando.

G D
Last night I met my sweet Dorothy
G
She said, tomorrow I join in sweet matrimony
C D G D G
But if you act alright oh, you can take me out tonight
C D G
We can wine and dine and get back in time
D G
For the last train to San Fernando.

Chorus:

G D
Well, I married into high society
D G
Be careful of the places you're a-takin' me
C D G D G
'Cause if you slip, I'll slide and I may never be a bride
D G
Biddy diddy bum bum to San Fernando.

Chorus:

Outro: G D G
Last train (to San Fernando)
G D G
Last train (to San Fernando)
G D G
Last train (to San Fernando)
G D G
Last train (to San Fernando...)