

# “RAILROAD BILL”

## Tab for 2 finger thumb lead banjo

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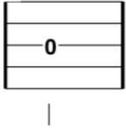
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## LYRICS

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Railroad Bill, Railroad Bill

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He never worked, and he never will,

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And it's ride, ride, ride.

Railroad Bill's a mighty mean man

Shot the light out of the poor brakeman's hand

And it's ride, ride, ride.

Railroad Bill, up on a hill

Lightin' a cigar with a ten-dollar bill.

And it's ride, ride, ride.

Railroad Bill took my wife,

If I didn't like it, gonna take my life.

And it's ride, ride, ride.

Goin' on a mountain, goin' out west  
Thirty-eight special stickin' out of my vest.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Buy me a pistol just as long as my arm  
Shoot everybody ever done me harm.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Got a thirty-special in a forty-five frame,  
I can't miss 'cause I got dead aim.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Railroad Bill, he ain't so bad  
Whupped his mama, shot his old dad.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Early one morning, standing in the rain  
Round the bend come a long freight train.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Railroad Bill a comin' home soon  
Killed McMillan by the light of the moon  
And it's ride, ride, ride.



Kill me a chicken, send me the wing  
They think I'm workin', Lord, I ain't doin' a thing.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Kill me a chicken, send me the head,  
Think I'm workin', Lord, I'm layin' in bed.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

Gonna drink my whiskey, drink it in the wind  
The doctor said it'd kill me but he didn't say when.  
And it's ride, ride, ride.

