

Hobo Bill's Last Ride

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Hobo Billy

**Riding on that eastbound freight train speeding through the night
Hobo Bill a railroad bum was fighting for his life
The sadness of his eyes revealed the torture of his soul
He raised a weak and weary hand to brush away the cold**

Hobo Billy

**No warm lights flickered round him no blankets there to hold
Nothing but the howling wind and the driving rain so cold
When he heard a whistle blowing in a dreamy kind of way
The hobo seemed contented for he smiled there where he lay**

Hobo Billy

**Outside the rain was falling on that lonely boxcar door
But the little form of Hobo Bill lay still upon the floor
While the train sped through the darkness and the raging storm
No one knew that Hobo Bill was taking his last ride**

Woo Woo

**It was early in the morning when they raised the Hobo's head
The smile still lingered on his face, but Hobo Bill was dead
There was no mother's longing to smooth his weary soul
For he was just a railroad bum who died out in the cold**