

Rock Island Line

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Johnny Cash

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Now this here's a story about the Rock Island Line

Well the Rock Island Line she runs down into New Orleans

There's a big tollgate down there and you know

If you got certain things on board when you go through the tollgate

Well you don't have to pay the man no toll

Well a train driver he pulled up to the tollgate

And a man hollered and asked him what all he had on board and said

Chorus---

I got livestock I got livestock I got cows I got pigs I got sheep I got mules I got all livestock

Well he said you're alright boy you don't have to pay no toll

You can just go right on through so he went on through the tollgate

And as he went through he started picking up a little bit of speed picking up a little bit of steam

He got on through he turned and looked back at the man he said

Chorus—

Well I fooled you I fooled you I got Pig Iron I got Pig Iron I got all Pig Iron

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Down the Rock Island Line is a mighty good road the Rock Island Line it's the road to ride

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The Rock Island Line it's a mighty good road well if you want to ride

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You gotta ride like you find it get your ticket at the station of the Rock Island Line

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It was cloudy in the west, looked like rain but round the corner come-a passenger train

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North-bound train on the south-bound track you were all right a-leavin but you won't be back

Repeat Chorus—

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Well I may be right and I may be wrong but you're gonna miss me when I'm gone

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Well the engineer said before he died there were two more drinks he'd like to have try

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The doctor asked him "what could they be?" he said "I'd like a cup of coffee and cold glass of tea"

Repeat Chorus—

