

The Brakeman's Blues

Jimmie Rodgers

Portland main is just the same as sunny Tennessee
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Any old place I hang my hat is, home sweet home to meHey, heyI went to the depot and I looked up on the
board
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It read it's good times here, but better on down the roadEat my breakfast here, get my dinner in New Orleans
Eat my breakfast here, get my dinner in New Orleans
I'm going to get me a mamma, Lord, I ain't never seenWhere was you mamma, when the train left the shed?
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Standin' in my front door, wishin' to God, I was deadIf your house catcha fire, there ain't no one around
If your house catcha fire, there ain't no one around
Just put my son out the window, let the house burn downIf that's your mamma, you'd better tie her to your side
If that's your mamma, you'd better tie her to your side
'Cause if she flash my train, I'll sure let her ride

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