Hobo Bill's Last Ride

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Riding on an east bound freight train

Speeding through the night

Hobo Bill, a railroad bum

Was fighting for his lifeThe sadness of his eyes revealed

The torture of his soul

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He raised a weak and weary hand

To brush away the cold.Ho-ho-o, bo-o-o, bil-lieNo warm lights flickered around him

No blankets there to fold

Nothing but, the howling wind

And the driving rain so coldWhen he heard a whistle blowing

In a dreamy kind of way

The hobo seemed contented for

He smiled there where he layHo-ho-o, bo-o-o, bil-lieOutside the rain was fallin'

On that lonesome boxcar door

But the little form of Hobo Bill

Lay still upon the floorAs the train sped through the darkness

And the raging storm outside

No one knew that Hobo Bill

Was taking his last rideIt was early in the mornin'

When they raised the hobo's head

The smile still lingered on his face

But Hobo Bill was deadThere was no mother's longin'

To soothe his weary soul

For he was just a railroad bum

Who died out in the cold

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