

Big Rock Candy Mountain

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One evening as the sun went down
And the jungle fires were burning,
Down the track came a hobo hiking,
And he said, "Boys, I'm not turning; I'm headed for a land that's far away
Beside the crystal fountains
So come with me, we'll go and see
The Big Rock Candy Mountains. In the Big Rock Candy Mountains,
There's a land that's fair and bright,
Where the handouts grow on bushes
And you sleep out every night. Where the boxcars all are empty
And the sun shines every day
On the birds and the bees
And the cigarette trees
The lemonade springs
Where the bluebird sings
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains. In the Big Rock Candy Mountains
All the cops have wooden legs
And the bulldogs all have rubber teeth
And the hens lay soft-boiled eggs. The farmers' trees are full of fruit
And the barns are full of hay
Oh I'm bound to go
Where there ain't no snow
Where the rain don't fall
The winds don't blow
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains. In the Big Rock Candy Mountains
You never change your socks
And the little streams of alcohol
Come trickling down the rocks. The brakemen have to tip their hats
And the railway bulls are blind
There's a lake of stew
And of whiskey too
You can paddle all around them
In a big canoe
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains. In the Big Rock Candy Mountains,
The jails are made of tin.
And you can walk right out again,
As soon as you are in. There ain't no short-handled shovels,
No axes, saws nor picks,
I'm bound to stay

Where you sleep all day,
Where they hung the jerk
That invented work
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains ...I'll see you all this coming fall
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains.

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