On the Southbound

Charley Pride

Well I woke up this morning when the cold Chicago wind
Blew my newspaper blanket off my back
Through my dirty broken window the grey sun filtered in
As I dreamed about the Southbound railroad track
I could almost hear the crickets in a sleepy cotton field
As daddy drove our vagon to Virgin
But today I'd give a fortune for a twenty five cent meal
And I wish I was a country boy again
So let me ride on the Southbound
Back to where I came from I don't care or where I am
So let me ride on the Southbound and put me off somewhere near BirminghamWhat happened to my vision of a mansion on a hill
And the fame and fortune I came here to win
I've got nothing but the roaches running cross my window sill
And I wish I was a country boy again
So let me ride

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