

# Hobo Story

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Key of CV1.) Down by the river bottom  
In the jungle by the track  
when a hobo jumps a freight train  
he aint never comin' back.  
Life there's tougher than a rail yard,  
twice as hard to catch a train,  
when you're heart is fond of ramblin'  
you gotta hit the rails again.V2.) When you ride inside a boxcar  
be careful how you run  
gotta make sure you don't wind up  
on the wrong side of a gun.  
Then one day some day maybe  
you'll leave the hobo's life  
settle in a city  
with a gal who'll be you wife.V3.) Sometimes when you ride the rails  
it gets hard to survive  
sometimes you'll meet old hobos  
that are still alive.  
The stories they tell are many  
you can learn a thing or two  
like I learned from my grand dad  
who was a hobo too.V4.) Grand dad rode the rails  
back in the good old days  
so when I was a young lad  
I learned some hobo ways.  
I learned about white lightning  
and elderberry wine  
and how to make that hobo stew that tasted mighty fine.V5.) So that's my hobo story  
just one of many tales  
that I learned from my grand dad  
who really rode the rails.  
Now grand dad's up in heaven  
prob'ly ridin' on a train  
if there's freight trains up in heaven  
he'll ride a boxcar once again.

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