

Life's Railway to Heaven

music by Charles D. Tillman and
lyrics by M.E. Abbey (1890)

^G ^G ^C ^G
Life is like a mountain railway with an Engineer that's brave
^G ^G ^{A7} ^D
We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave
^G ^G ^C ^G
Heed the curves the hills the tunnels, never falter, never fail
^G ^{G(Em)} ^{C(½)} ^{D7(½)} ^G
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail

^C ^G ^{A7} ^C
Blessed Savior, Thou wilt guide us, till we reach that blissful shore
^G ^C ^{G(½)} ^{D7(½)} ^G
Where the angels wait to join us in God's praise forevermore

^G ^G ^C ^G
As we roll along the mainline, there'll be storms and there'll be night
^G ^G ^{A7} ^D
There'll be sidetracks unexpected on the left and on the right
^G ^G ^C ^G
But with the straight always before us and our hearts upon the prize
^G ^{G(Em)} ^{C(½)} ^{D7(½)} ^G
There'll be no disembarkation until we reach paradise

^G ^G ^C ^G
As you roll across the trestle, spanning Jordon's swelling tide.
^G ^G ^{A7} ^D
You'll behold the Union Depot into which your train will glide.
^G ^G ^C ^G
There you'll meet the superintendent, God the Father, God the Son.
^G ^{G(Em)} ^{C(½)} ^{D7(½)} ^G
With hearty joyous greetings: "Weary Pilgrims Welcome Home"