

Rock Island Line first recorded by Huddie Ledbetter ('Lead Belly') (1937). One of the great songs performed by Lead Belly and interpreted by numerous artists, over the years, such as the Weavers. Many interpreters have added their own humorous words, but these are the original lyrics created and sung by Lead Belly.

G *G*
Oh the Rock Island Line is a mighty fine line
G *D*
Oh the Rock Island Line is the road to ride
G *G*
Oh the Rock Island Line is a mighty fine line
C7 *G*
If you want to ride you gotta ride it like you're flyin'
C *D*^(½) *G*^(½)
Get you ticket at the station on the Rock Island Line

G *G*
A-B-C double X-Y-Z
D7 *D7*
Cat's in the cupboard and she cain't find me

Maybe I'm right, maybe I'm wrong
Lawd you gonna miss me when I'm gone

Jesus died to save our sins
Glory to God I'm gonna see Him again

Moses stood on the Red Sea shore
Smotin' the water with a two-by-four