Rock Island Line

Johnny Cash

This here's a story
About the Rock Island Line

Well, the Rock Island Line
Runs from New Orleans going North
The train driver pulled
Up to the toll gate
The man asked him what all
They had on board

He said, I ain't got no pig iron He said, whattaya got

He said, I got livestock
I got livesock, I got cows
I got pigs, I got chicks
I got cows, I got sheep
I got mules, I got all livestock
I got all livestock
I got all livestock

Man said, you're alright then You go on through

So he went on through the tollgate And as he went through He started picking up And a little bit of speed Picking up a little bit of steam

As he went through, he says
Well, I fooled you, I fooled you
I got pig iron, I got pig iron
I got all pig iron, I got all pig iron
Let's move it for him now

Down the Rock Island Line
Is a mighty good road
Rock Island Line
Is the road to ride
Rock Island Line
Is a mighty good road

Well, if you ride You got to ride it like you find it Get your ticket at the station On the Rock Island Line

Well, cloudy and lost And it looks like rain Around the curve Come a passenger train

Yes, the Rock Island Line
Is a mighty good road
Rock Island Line
Is the road to ride

Rock Island Line
Is a mighty good road

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Then she goes on North and When she crosses the Flat land of Illinois She picks up a little bit more speed

Oh, a, b, c, w, x, y, z Cat's in the cupboard But he don't see me

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