Five Hundred Miles
(Railroader’s Lament)

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If you miss the train I'm on, you will know that I am gone
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles
A hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles.

Lord I'm one, Lord I'm two, Lord I'm three, Lord I'm four,
Lord I'm five hundred miles from my home.
Away from home, away from home, away from home, away from home
Lord, I'm five hundred miles from my home.

Not a shirt on my back, not a penny to my name,
Lord I can't go back home this a-way.
This a-way, this a-way, this a-way, this a-way,
Lord I can't go back home this a-way.

If you miss the train I'm on, you will know that I am gone
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles