

Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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Working on the New Railroad

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Well, I'm working on the new railroad
With mud up to my knees
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I'm digging for big John Henry
And he's so hard to please
And I've been all around this world

Once I had an old grey horse
And Arrow was his name
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And Arrow was his name
They caught me a-making whiskey
And they took away all my claim
And I've been all around this world

Single girl, single girl
Where'd you get that dress so fine (2x)
When you get married
Go raggedy all the time
And I've been all around this world

Single girl, single girl
Go spend your days in town (2x)
When you get married
Work till the sun goes down
And I've been all around this world

Single girl, single girl
Go out whenever you please (2x)
When you get married
Babies all over your knees
And I've been all around this world

When you go a-fishing
Well, you take a hook and line (2x)
When you go a-courting
Don't never look behind
And I've been all around this world

When you meet a rich girl
Well, you pass her on down the line (2x)

When you meet a poor girl
Just ask her to be mine
And I've been all around this world

Well, the new railroad is ready, boys
And the cars are on the track (2x)
And if our women leave us
Money'll bring 'em back
And I've been all around this world

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