The Rock Island Line

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Now this here's the story about the Rock Island Line.
Well the Rock Island Line she runs down into New Orleans.
There's a big toll gate down there and you know if you got cert
ain things on board when you go through the toll gate – Well yo
u don't have to pay the man no toll.
Well the train driver he pulled up to the toll gate and the man
 hollered and asked him what all he had on board and he said,
"I got live stock, I got live stock, I got cows I got pigs
I got sheep I got mules I got … all live stock".
Well he said "you all right boy, you don't have t'pay no toll.
You can just go right on through".
So he went on through the toll gate
And as he went through he started pickin up a little bit of spe
ed,
pickin up a little bit of steam.
He got on through he turned he looked back to the man he said
"Well I fooled you, I fooled you I got pig iron I got pig iron
I got all pig iron".

Down the Rock Island Line she's a mighty road
The rock Island Line it's a road to ride
The rock island line it's a mighty good road
Well if you ride you got to ride it like you find it
Get your ticket at the station for the Rock Island Line.

Oh cloudy in the west and it looked like rain.
Around the curve come a passenger train,
north bound train on the south bound track.
He did alright leaving but he won't be back.
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Oh I may be right and I may be wrong but you gonna miss me when
 I'm gone.
Well the engineer said before he died that there where 2 more d
rinks that he'd like to try Conductor said "what could they be"
 – A hot cup of coffee and a cold glass'a tea.
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