

Mean Eyed Cat

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[C] I gave my woman half my money at the general store
I said now buy a little groceries and [G7] don't spend no more
Then [C] she paid ten dollars for a ten cent hat
And got some [F] store bought cat food for a [G7] mean eyed [C] cat

When I [F] give her ten more dollars for a one way ticket
She was [C] mad as she could be
Then I bet ten more that if she [F] ever left
She'd come [G7] a-crawling back to [C] me

When I woke up this morning and I turned my head
There wasn't a cotton picking thing on [G7] her side of the bed
I [C] found a little old note where her head belonged
It said [F] "Dear John honey baby [G7] I'm long [C] gone."

When I [F] heard a whistle blowing and the big wheels a-turning
I was [C] scared as I could be
I put on my overalls and I [F] headed for town
I'm gonna [G7] bring her back [C] with me

I asked the man down at the station if he'd seen her there
I told him all about her pretty eyes and [G7] long blonde hair
He [C] spit his tobacco said "I'll be dad blamed,
I believe I [F] did see her leaving on the [G7] east bound [C] train."

I bought a [F] round trip ticket on the east bound train
I was [C] broke as I could be
But when I come back I gotta [F] buy another ticket
Gonna [G7] bring her back with [C] me.

Well, I got off the train somewhere in Arkansas
And I worked up the guts to call my [G7] Mother-In-Law
She [C] said, "I'll tell you where she is, if you act right."
"She's workin' [F] four to twelve at Trucker's [G7] World to[C]night."

When I walked [F] in she saw me, took her apron off
And she [C] grabbed her goin' home hat
She bought a ticket with her tips
And now [F] we're curled up on the sofa,
me and her....and that [G7] mean eyed [C] cat.