

## The Hobo Engineer

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I sometimes think I'll quit this life  
And settle down and get a wife.  
I'd like to have a place called home  
And settle down, no more to roam.  
But Gosh—that very thing I've tried  
And found myself dissatisfied.  
I've often tried to settle down  
To office work and live in town.  
Take in the shows and dances too  
And live like civilized folks do.

But I'd no more than get a start  
Than the wanderlust would seize my  
heart

And in my dreams at night I'd see  
The "great white silence" calling me.  
And to that summons I'd not fail  
To bunch it all and hit the trail.  
Back to the solitudes once more  
With transit, level, rod and chain.  
To do the same thing o'er and o'er  
Day by day and week by week.

Sometimes we go to town to seek  
A little fun. And well—  
Sometimes we raise a little hell.  
We don't mean to, but then, you see—  
When we've been out two months or  
three,

Led by grade lines in a chase  
Where mankind seems so out of place.  
When we hit the great white way  
Our joyful spirits get full sway  
And we try to crowd into one lone  
night  
The joys of many months. 'Taint right.

But 'tis not for me  
To judge man's final destiny.  
When our last survey is done  
And tied into the Great Unknown.  
And to the Chief the records brought,  
Of lonely work with danger fraught,  
Of hardships cheerfully endured,  
That best results might be secured.  
Against all this our little sprees  
Will seem as ponds compared to seas  
And the angels surely will decide  
That the balance is on the credit side.  
And God, I hope, will shed a tear  
And bless the Hobo Engineer.



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