

# THE MYSTERIES OF A HOBO'S LIFE

(Air: The Girl I Left Behind Me.)

I took a job on an extra gang,  
Way up in the mountain,  
I paid my fee and the shark shipped me  
And the ties I soon was counting.

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The boss he put me driving spikes  
And the sweat was enough to blind me,  
He didn't seem to like my pace,  
So I left the job behind me.

## II

I grabbed a hold of an old freight train  
An around the country traveled,  
The mysteries of a hobo's life  
To me was soon unraveled.

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I traveled east and I traveled west  
And the "shacks" could never find me,  
Next morning I was miles away  
From the job I left behind me.

## III

I ran across a bunch of "stiffs"  
Who were known as Industrial Workers,  
They taught me how to be a man—  
And how to fight the shirkers.

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I kicked right in and joined the bunch  
And now in the ranks you'll find me,  
Hurrah for the cause—To hell with the boss!  
And the job I left behind me.