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Sheb did a great job telling of the transcontinental railroad, but the song depicts the building of all railroads in the west which

was essential for growth and civilization of a community. Learn more of railroads in Kansas at the KS Historical Museum in Topeka.

Well, the roadboss told the foreman and the foreman he told me
Gonna build a railroad cross the prairie to the sea.

Well tamp that tie and lay that steel and drive them spikes on down
When you swing that hammer better make it ring or you won't be around

Hey yuh hey yuh gonna be the death of me
Buildin a railroad cross the prairie to the sea

Better shovel that tie for the boss man, you better bear down on that jack
He got no use for a railroad man whose afraid to bow his back

Hey yuh, hey yuh, gonna be the death of me
Buildin a railroad cross the prairie to the sea

Well a powder man come and he blowed a hold right in the mountain side
A boulder fell on the boss man and the boss man durn near died

Hey yuh, hey yuh, gonna be the death of me
Buildin a railroad thru the mountains to the sea

Hey looky yonder comin, now what do you think I see
I swear them's pig tail coolies and they're a drivin steel like me

Hey yuy hey yuy gonna be the death of me
Buildin a railroad cross the prairie to the sea.