**Boomer’s Story** (Ry Cooder)

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**(G) - (C) - (D)**

**(G)**Come and gather all around me   
**(C)**Listen to my tale of **(G)**woe   
Got some good advice to give you   
Lots of things you oughta know   
**(G)**Take a tip from one who's travelled   
**(C)**And never stopped a-ramblin' **(G)**'round   
'Cause **(C)**once you get the roamin' fever   
You **(G)**never want to settle down, boy   
You **(C)**never want to settle **(G)**down

I met a little gal in Frisco   
And I asked her to be my wife   
Told her I was tired of roamin'   
Goin' to settle down for life   
Then I heard the whistle blowin'   
And I knew it was the Red Ball Train   
And I left that gal beside the railroad   
And I never saw the gal again, boy   
I never saw the gal again

**(C)**Saw the gal again   
I **(G)**never saw the gal again   
Left that gal beside the **(D)**railroad   
**(G)**And I never saw the **(C)**gal **(G)**again

Travelled all over the country   
I've travelled everywhere   
I been on every Branch Line railroad   
And I never paid a nickel fare   
I been from Maine to Califor'ny   
And from Canada to Mexico   
I never tried to save no money   
And now I got no place to bo, boy   
Now I got no place to go

Listen to a Boomer's story   
Pay attention to what I say   
Well, I hear another train a-comin'   
Guess I'll be on my way   
If you wanna do me a favor   
When I lay me down and die   
Just dig my grave beside the railroad   
So I can hear the trains go by, boys   
So I can hear the trains go by

Hear the trains go   
Hear the trains go by   
Just dig my grave beside the railroad   
So I can hear the trains go by