

# Elton John, Rolling Western Union

Music by elton john  
Lyrics by bernie taupin  
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I've served upon this railroad for longer than I know  
My father and his father did the same thing long ago  
To keep the western union rolling down towards the sea  
The benefits of this great line built for you and me

So rolling western union, you can roll on to the sea  
Ten thousand miles of beatin' steel has made a man out of me  
In every state I've driven home a rivet with my hands

Oh it's rolling western union rolling onward, onward through our land

It's friends of mine who died upon the building of this line  
Irishmen and chinamen and some from the british isles  
I've even seen the convicts come to work here for a while  
Before the law caught up with them and sent them back to trial

I had a wife while on the job a hundred miles on back  
She died in oklahoma and I laid her by the track  
All that's left is a wooden cross upright on a mound  
And every time the train rolls past, it rumbles in the ground