

## Railroad Runs Thru Georgia

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into two main sections, A and B. Section A spans the first two staves and ends with a double bar line. Section B spans the next three staves and also ends with a double bar line. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes: 'A' for the tonic, 'D' for the dominant, and 'E7' for the dominant seventh. A first and second ending are shown at the bottom of the score, both starting with an 'A' chord.

Lyrics from **The Fiddle Book**:

Railroad runs through Georgia,  
 Railroad and a canal.  
 If it hadn't been for Liza Jane  
 There never would've been no hell.

*(Sung to the second part of the melody)*  
 Wrap up your troubles in your mind, boys,  
 Wrap up your troubles in your mind;  
 Wrap up your troubles in your mind, boys,  
 Wrap up your troubles in your mind.

*(Sung to the second part of the melody)*  
 There never would've been no hell, boys,  
 There never would've been no hell;  
 There never would've been no hell, boys,  
 There never would've been no hell.

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"Railroad Runs thru Georgia" is an old-time breakdown in A Major. It is played in AEae fiddle tuning. The parts are played AABB. The tune is crooked: the A part has nine measures.

The melody was in the repertoire of Oklahoma's Pottawatomie County Collins family, whose latter 20th century representative, fiddler Earl Collins, recorded several albums. Older members of the family (such as W.S. Collins) contributed to Marion Thede's book. The banjo tablature is by John Letscher.

It was printed in Thede's **The Fiddle Book** (1967) and Lamancusa's **The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (2021).

It was recorded by Erynn Marshall & Friends on **Tune Tramp** (2012), Art Stamper on **Fiddle Favorites** (2004), Sauber, Hermann, Powell on **Young Fogies, vol. II** (1995) and One Eyed Dog on **Traditional Mountain Tunes** (1993).