

Life is like a mountain railroad

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The first system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble clef begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and continues with eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef accompaniment starts with a whole note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by a steady eighth-note bass line.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features similar melodic and harmonic patterns to the first system, with a measure number '10' indicating the start of the system.

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features similar melodic and harmonic patterns to the first system, with a measure number '15' indicating the start of the system.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features similar melodic and harmonic patterns to the first system, with a measure number '20' indicating the start of the system and a final measure number '25' at the end.

Life is like a mountain railroad,
With an engineer that's brave;
We must make the run successful,
From the cradle to the grave;
Watch the curves, the fills, the tunnels;
Never falter, never quail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

Refrain

*Blessèd Savior, Thou wilt guide us,
Till we reach that blissful shore;
Where the angels wait to join us
In Thy praise forevermore.*

You will roll up grades of trial;
You will cross the bridge of strife;
See that Christ is your conductor
On this lightning train of life;
Always mindful of obstruction,
Do your duty, never fail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

Refrain

You will often find obstructions;
Look for storms of wind and rain;
On a fill, or curve, or trestle,
They will almost ditch your train;
Put your trust alone in Jesus;
Never falter, never fail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

Refrain

As you roll across the trestle,
Spanning Jordan's swelling tide,
You behold the Union Depot
Into which your train will glide;
There you'll meet the superintendent,
God the Father, God the Son,
With the hearty, joyous, plaudit,
Weary pilgrim, welcome home!

Refrain

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