

## Life is Like a Mountain Railroad

The origin of this song is murky. Eliza R. Snow (1804-1887) may have written the original lyrics, with M. E. Abbey (a Baptist minister in Georgia in the 1890s) supplying the chorus. Abbey and Charles D. Tillman copyrighted "Life's Railway to Heaven" in 1890. - [4/4 time]

[C] Life is like a mountain railroad, with an [F] engineer that's [C] brave;  
We must make the run successful, from the [D] cradle to the [G<sup>7</sup>] grave;  
Watch the [C] curves, the fills, the tunnels; never [F] falter, never [C] quail;  
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye [G<sup>7</sup>] upon the [C] rail.

**Chorus:** Blessed [F] Savior, Thou wilt [C] guide us,  
Til we reach that blissful [G<sup>7</sup>] shore;  
Where the [C] angels wait to [F] join us  
In Thy [C] praise [G<sup>7</sup>] forever[C] more.

[C] You will roll up grades of trial; you will [F] cross the bridge of [C] strife;  
See that Christ is your Conductor on this [D] lightning train of [G<sup>7</sup>] life;  
Always [C] mindful of obstruction, do your [F] duty, never [C] fail;  
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye [G<sup>7</sup>] upon the [C] rail.

### Chorus

[C] You will often find obstructions; look for [F] storms of wind and [C] rain;  
On a fill, or curve, or trestle, they will [D] almost ditch your [G<sup>7</sup>] train;  
Put your [C] trust alone in Jesus; never [F] falter, never [C] fail;  
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye [G<sup>7</sup>] upon the [C] rail.

### Chorus

[C] As you roll across the trestle, spanning [F] Jordan's swelling [C] tide,  
You behold the Union Depot into [D] which your train will [G<sup>7</sup>] glide;  
There you'll [C] meet the Superintendent, God the [F] Father, God the [C]  
Son,  
With the hearty, joyous, plaudit, "Weary pilgrim, [G<sup>7</sup>] welcome [C] home!"

### Chorus

Video – Valerie Smith – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GMb6r1h0nc>

Video – Prairie Home Companion – Garrison Keillor, Brad Paisley, Andra Suchy -  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbBPJrZ-7zQ>