

# ***First Train Robbery - Larry Cordle***

Bluegrass Contemporary, 2007, <sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Time, Key of **B** My Key: \_\_\_\_

**INTRO:** **1** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **4** , **1** , **1** , **5** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **1**

**1** I was born in forty three, down in Jackson **4** County,  
**1** Daddy was a farmer, we were **5** tired of being **1** poor,  
My **1** brothers taught me how to steal, and-live by jumpin' **4** bounty,  
**1** Then I learned, how to kill, in **5** Lincoln's dirty **1** war,,,  
**1** When the fight was over, I returned to **4** mother,  
I **1** promised her I'd go to work and **5** be an honest **1** son,  
But in **1** Seymour Indiana, I met up with my **4** brothers,  
They **1** said here comes the O&M, and **5** handed me a **1** gun,

**CHORUS:** **1** Goodbye brothers, and all, the Reno **4** gang  
**1** Me and Frank and William, to- **5** gether, we will **1** hang,  
And **1** good,bye sister, Laura true and **4** lovely,  
Tell **1** everyone, that we swung, **5** for the first train **1** robbery,

**TURNAROUND:** Same as **INTRO**

We **1** boarded at the station, and steamed, through the **4** holler,  
The **1** engineer, out of fear, **5** stopped that rolling **1** train,  
We **1** broke into the mail car, found those silver **4** dollars,  
**1** But I saw, a neighbor's face, **5** as we made a- **1** way,,,  
I-said **1** Boys there was a witness, so before we split a **4** penny,  
We **1** need to find him and be sure he'll **5** never, testi- **1** fy,  
So we **1** stole,d into Seymour, and shot poor Mister **4** Kinney,  
**1** Though he fell, on his knees, and **5** pleaded for his **1** life,

**CHORUS / INSTRUMENTAL**

For **1** three, years longer, we lived on steak and **4** brandy,  
'Til the **1** Pinkerton, agents, **5** threw us in this **1** jail,  
**1** Now I hear the voices, of the vigil- **4** antes,  
**1** Say let's put, the Reno boys, **5** on the train to **1** hell,

**CHORUS**

**OUTRO:** **1** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **4** , **1** , **1** , **5** , **1** , **1**

1 = B
4 = E
5 = G <sup>b</sup>