

WABASH CANNONBALL

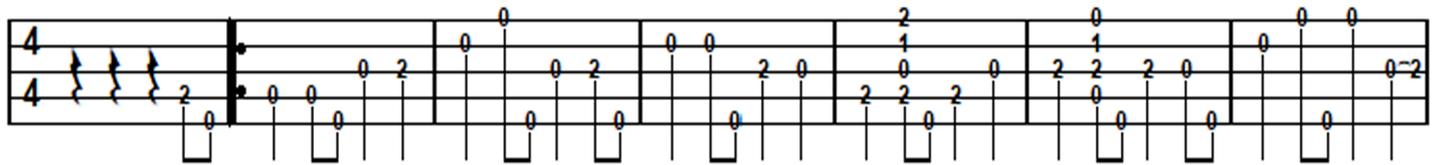
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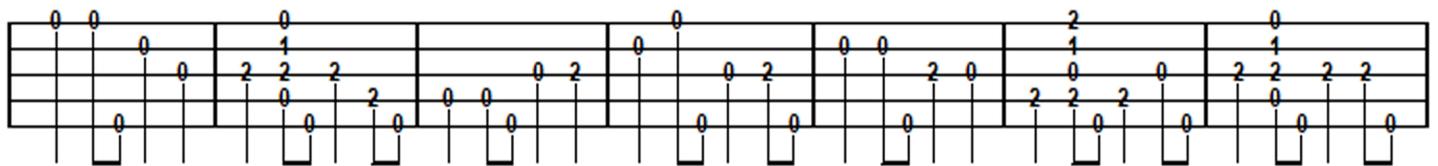
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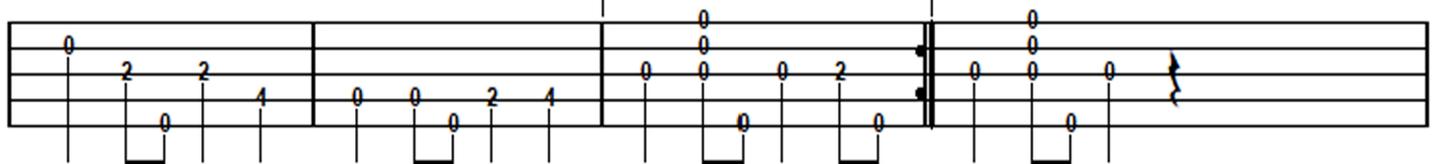


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Originally I decided that maybe a list of people who HADN'T performed or recorded this song in one form or another might be easier than trying to list those who HAD .
Originating way back in the 1800 's , "The Great Rock Island Route" was an American Folk song. It eventually evolved as " The Wabash Cannonball" but enjoyed several other names as the number of versions mushroomed over the years.
It seems impossible to determine a definitive set of lyrics as well as the existence of several versions of the melody line.
At the time it was popularly being performed the train itself did not exist, but the Great Rock Island Line certainly did, and it was the basis of several very popular folk and country songs.
The Carter Family made one of the first recordings of the song in 1929, though it was not released until 1932.
Roy Acuff 's 1936 version is one of the fewer than 40 all-time singles to have sold 10 million (or more) physical copies worldwide.