

Life is like a mountain railroad

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The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second system has a measure rest in the bass clef. The third system has a measure rest in the bass clef. The fourth system has measure rests in both staves at the beginning and end. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are indicated above the treble clef staff.

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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