

Key: G Maj.

Long Journey Home

Composer unknown*

♩ = 90

(a.k.a. Two Dollar Bill)

Arr. by Pete Showman

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1. Cloud - y - - in the West, ___ and it looks like _____ rain.
 Chorus: Lost all _____ my mon - ey but a two dol - - lar bill,
 2. Black smoke ___ a - - ris - in' and it sure - ly is a train.
 3. Home - sick ___ and lone - some and I'm feel - in' kind of blue.
 4. Dark and ___ a - - rain - in' and I want to ___ go home.

G C G

5 Looks like _____ rain, boys, looks like _____ rain.
 Two dol - - lar bill, boys, two dol - - lar bill.
 Sure - ly is a train, boys, sure - ly is a train.
 Feel - in' kind of blue, boys, feel - in' kind of blue.
 Want to ___ go home, boys, want to ___ go home.

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9 Cloud - y - - in the West, ___ and it looks like _____ rain. I'm
 Lost all _____ my mon - ey but a two dol - - lar bill, I'm
 Black smoke ___ a - - ris - in' and it sure - ly is a train, I'm
 Home - sick ___ and lone - some and I'm feel - in' kind of blue, I'm
 Dark and ___ a - - rain - in' and I want to ___ go home, I'm

G D G

13 on my long jour - - ney home. _____

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* Most sources list this as "traditional" or "composer unknown," though one website credits prolific gospel song writer Albert E. Brumley, who wrote *I'll Fly Away*. www.allmusic.com/album/long-journey-home-mw0000690604 says the first recording was by the Monroe Brothers (young Bill and one of his brothers, Charlie) in 1936: www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4ZLjumc8x0. But its introduction to bluegrass seems often credited to the Stanley Brothers, who recorded it in 1961, e.g. at www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-dhLfIDCUg. The order and selection of verses varies considerably. The first two verses here and the chorus are about what the Stanley Brothers did in the above recording.

Two Dollar Bills

Yes, they're real! Two dollar bills are still officially in circulation, though they aren't common now, at least not here in California. But when I was growing up in New England in the 1950s and '60s they were about as common as fives. If you bought something for a dollar and gave the clerk \$5, you'd almost always get two \$2 bills back. Here's a picture of the design in use since about 1928.

