Orphan Train – U. Utah Phillips

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(5⁷)    1                           5
Once I had a darling mother but I can't recall her name
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I had a baby brother who I'll never see again
                                          4
For the Children's Home is sending us out on the Orphan Train
   1               5               1
To try to find someone to take us in
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Chorus:

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    (5⁷)     1
    Take us in,, We have rode the Orphan Train
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    Take us in we need a home we need a name,,
             1       4
    Take us in,, Oh won't you be our kin
             1                5              1
    We are looking for someone to take us in
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(5⁷)    1                                 5
I have stolen from the poorbox I have begged the city streets
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I have swabbed the bars and poolrooms for a little bite to eat
                                                 4
In my daddy's old green jacket and these rags upon my feet
         1                5              1
I'm just looking for someone to take me in
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(5⁷)     1                             5
The Children's Home they gathered us me and all the rest
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They taught us to sit quietly until the food was blest
                                                 4
Then they put us on the Orphan Train and sent us way out West
   1                5              1
To try and find someone to take us in
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(5⁷)    1                              5
The farmers and their families they came from miles around
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We lined up on the platform at the station in each town
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And one by one we parted like some living lost and found
    1              5              1
And one by one we all were taken in
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(5⁷)         1                       5
Now there's many a fine doctor or a teacher in your school
                                      1
There's many a good preacher who can teach the Golden Rule
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Who started out an orphan sleeping in the freezing rain
      1              5              1
Whose life began out on the Orphan Train
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