

ROLL IN MY SWEET BABY'S ARMS

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** The Monroe Brothers-1936; Flatt and Scruggs-1950; The Stanley Brothers; Doc & Merle Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Rollin' In My Sweet Baby's Arms; **NOTES:** A bluegrass standard originating from the textile mills area in the mountains of NC and Va., Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms was popularized by the Monroe Brothers in 1936. This song is now performed by everyone from parking lot pickers to Buck Owens and Leon Russell.

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G **D**
Ain't gonna work on the railroad, Ain't gonna work on the farm,
G **C**
I'll just lay 'round this shack til the mail train comes back
D **G**
Then I'll roll in my sweet baby's arms.

G **D**
Chorus: Roll in my sweet baby's arms, Roll in my sweet baby's arms,
G **C** **D** **G**
Lay round this shack til the mail train gets back, Then I'll roll in my sweet baby's arms.

Now where were you last Friday night, While I was layin' in the jail?
Were you walkin' the streets with another man? You wouldn't even go my bail. *Chorus*

Sometimes there's a change in the ocean, Sometimes there's a change in the sea,
Sometimes there's a change in my own true love, But there's never a change in me. *Chorus*

I know your parents don't like me, They turn me away from your door,
If I had my life to live over, Oh well, I'd never go back anymore. *Chorus*