The fiddle tune "Ruben's Train" has a very similar melody to this song. We're including the words because they go so well with the lonesome sound of this tune, brought out so well by the dulcimer. Try thinking about the train he's on, chugging along, and fill in the melody notes with strums in that train rhythm.

Key: Em

*Tuning: d-A-D and capo fret 1 (e-B-E Dorian)
Playing Style: Strum across all strings.

Traditional American Fiddle Tune/ Song

I'm a-rid-in' on this train, I've got tears in my eyes

tryin' to read a letter to my home. If this

train runs me right, I'll be home Sat-ur-day night, 'cause I'm

nine hundred miles from my home.

And I hate to hear that lone-some whis-tle blow