

Steamboat Bill

sheet music key: G

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Down the Mis-sis-sip-pi steamed the Whip-poor-will, Com-mand-ed by that pi-lot, Mis-ter
Up then stepped a gamb-ling man from Lou-is-ville Who tried to get a bet a- gainst the
Riv-er's all in mourn-ing now for Steam-boat Bill, No more you'll hear the puff-ing of the



Steam-boat Bill, The own-ers gave him ord-ers on the strict Q. T. To try and beat the rec-ord of the
Whip-poor-will, Bill-y flashed a roll that sure-ly was a bear, The boi-ler, it ex-plod-ed, blew them
Whip-poor-will, There's crepe on ev-'ry steam-baot that plows those streams, From Mem-phs right to Nat-chez down to



Rob-ert E. Lee. Just feed up your fir-es, let the old smoke roll,
up in the air. The gam-ble said to Bil-ly as they left the wreck, "I
New Or-leans. The wife of Mis-ter Will-iam was at home in bed,



Burn up all your car-go if you run out of coal. "If we don't beat that rec-ord," Bill-y
don't know where we're go-ing, but we're neck-and-neck." Says Bill to the gam-ble, "I'll tell
When she got the tel-e-gram that Steam-boat's dead, Says she to the chil-dren, "Bless each



told the mate, "Send my mail in care of Pet-er to the Gold-en Gate."
you what to do, I will bet an-oth-er thou-sand I'll go high-er than you.
hon-ey lamb, The next pa-pa that you have will be a rail-road man.



steam-ing down the Mis-sis-sip-pi, a might-y man was he,
Steam-boat Bill, he tore up the Mis-sis-sip-pi, Steam-boat Bill, the tide it made him swear,
miss-ing on the Mis-sis-sip-pi, is with an an-gel band,



steam-ing up the Mis-sis-sip-pi going to beat the rec-ord of the Rob-ert E. Lee.
Steam-boat Bill, he tore up the Mis-sis-sip-pi, the ex-plo-sion of the boi-ler got him up in the air.
miss-ing on the Mis-sis-sip-pi, he's a pi-lot on a fer-ry in that Prom-ised Land.