

# Here Today and Gone Tomorrow - James King

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **F** My Key: \_\_\_\_

I got **1** on, a Greyhound **4** bus in, Okla- **1** homa  
An **1** old man, up a- **4** head, was talkin' **1** wild  
He's **1** layin' down, the **4** tracks, to his life **1** story  
Of the **4** things he could remember as a **5** child

He **1** talked, about a **4** girl he'd been in **1** love with  
And **1** spoke of her, as **4** though she were a **1** queen  
He **4** said her skin was soft as southern **1** sunshine  
And she **1** had, the bluest **4** eyes he'd, ever **1** seen

**1** On and on he **4** rambled, with his **1** story  
I **1** heard him say, his **4** age was, sixty **1** three  
His **1** skin was dry and **4** brown like ancient **1** leather  
I **4** swear, he looked a hundred years to **5** me

He **1** spoke about, the **4** days, when he had **1** money  
And a **1** woman, who **4** took him for a **1** ride  
He **4** said I gave her everything she **1** wanted  
But **1** some of them ain't **5** ever, satis- **1** fied

Here, to- **4** day, and gone, to- **1** morrow  
In **4** search of greener pastures they can't **1** find  
Here, to- **4** day, and gone, to- **1** morrow  
And **1** shattered lives, are **4** always, left be- **1** hind

**TURNAROUND:** **1 4 , 1 , 1**

The **1** miles, were slippin' **4** by and he grew **1** quiet  
I was **1** spellbound by, the **4** stories he had **1** told  
I **1** knew, as I grew **4** near my, destin- **1** ation  
I **4** heard, a bit of history un- **5** fold

As we **1** pulled into, Chi- **4** cago he was **1** silent  
The **1** driver called a **4** stop turned on the **1** light  
But **4** not a sound was made we couldn't **1** wake him  
The **1** old man made the **4** crossing in the **1** night

Here, to- **4** day, and gone, to- **1** morrow  
He **4** slipped away as quickly as he **1** came  
Here, to- **4** day, and gone, to- **1** morrow

**2X:** And **1** Lord, we didn't **4** even know his **1** name

**SLOW DOWN:** Here, to- **4** day, and gone, to- **1** morrow

1 = F
4 = B <sup>b</sup>
5 = C