I’ve Been All Around This World
(Hang Me, Oh Hang Me ...)

Traditional

Key: G

1. Work-in’ on the new railroad, mud up to my knees;
2. Up on the Blue Ridge Mountains is where I’ll take my stand;
3. Mama and Papa and baby sister makes three;
4. If you see a poor man, send him down the line;

(repeat first line of each verse)

1. Work-in’ for big John Henry, boys, he’s mighty hard to please; I’ve
2. Rifle on my shoulder, and a pistol in my hand, I’ve
3. March me down to the gallows, it’ll be the death of me, I’ve
4. But if you see a rich man, gonna make him a friend of mine; I’ve

Been all around this world.

Hang me, oh hang me, (and) I’ll be dead and gone;

Hang me, oh hang me, (and) I’ll be dead and gone; it’s

not the hangin’ that I mind, it’s layin’ in the jail so long; I’ve

Been all around this world.

A traditional song with many lyric variants; these are mostly from the Goat Hill Girls’ "Live!" album, and Wayne Erbson. Arranged and typeset in ABC Plus by Pete Showman 10/19/2019. (Lyric timings approximate.)