

Wagon Wheel

Anita-Kanikapila

<https://tinyurl.com/47knt46t>

Edited 2-15-26

INTRO (8 measures of playing before this)

G D Em
A | -0202-020- | -0202-0-- | -5-2-0-20 |
E | ----- | -----23 | ----- |

C G D
A | -5-2-0-20- | -0202-020- | -0-0----- |
E | ----- | ----- | 2-2--202- |

C C
A | -----0-- | --0235-10- |
E | 3----30-3- | -3----- |

VERSE 1

G
Headed down south to the
D Em
land of the pines. I'm thumbin'
C
my way into North Caroline.
G D
Starin' up the road, and pray to
C
God I see headlights.
C G
...hey, I made it down the coast in
D Em
17 hours, pickin' me a bouquet of
C G
dogwood flowers, I'm hopin' for
D C
Raleigh, I can see my baby to-night

CHORUS

C G D
..So rock me mama like a wagon wheel,
Em C
rock me mama any way you feel.
G D C C
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me.
G D
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain.
Em C
rock me mama like a south-bound train
G D C C
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me

G | D | Em | C | G | D | C | C | 2x

VERSE 2

G D
Runnin' from the cold, up in New England.
Em C
I was born to be a fiddler in an oldtime

G
string band. My baby plays the guitar
D C
I pick a banjo now.
C G
..Oh, the north country winters keep a
D Em
gettin' me now. Lost my money playin'
C G
poker so I had to go. But I ain't
D C
a turnin' back to livin' that old life no more

CHORUS

C G D
..So rock me mama like a wagon wheel,
Em C
rock me mama any way you feel.
G D C C
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me.
G D
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain.
Em C
rock me mama like a south-bound train
G D C C
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me

G | D | Em | C | G | D | C | C | 2x

VERSE 3 (spoken, w/1 strum, next 2.5 lines)

G D
Walkin' to the south, out of Roanoke
Em
I caught a trucker out of Philly, had a
C G
nice long toke. But he's a headed west from
D C
the Cumberland Gap, to Johnson City
C G strum
Tennessee. And I gotta get a move on
D Em
head for the sun. I hear my baby callin' my
C
name & I know that she's the only one
G D C
And if I die in Raleigh, at least I will die free

CHORUS 2

C G \ D \
..So rock me mama like a wagon wheel,
Em \ C \
rock me mama any way you feel.
G D C C
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me
G D
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain,
Em C
rock me mama like a south-bound train.
G D C C G G \
Hey-ey--ey mama rock me

