

ALOHA STEVE'S LAZY GUIDE TO THE UKULELE

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King of the Road – 1965

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***(or xx) Alternate chords**

**** Indicates Change in strum**

Strum pattern v v ^ ^ v (Down, Down, Up, Up, Down)

Intro E3-E1-E0-C2

Verse 1

C **F** **G** **C**
Trailers for sale or rent, rooms to let...fifty cents.

C **F**
No phone, no pool, no pets...

G one strum down** **G**(*or G7)
I ain't got no cigarettes.

C **F**
Ah, but...two hours of pushin' broom

G **C**
Buys an eight by twelve four-bit room.

C(*or C7) **F**
I'm a... man of means by no means...

G(*or G7) 2 down strums** **C**
... ..King of the road.

Verse 2

C **F** **G** **C**
Third boxcar, midnight train, destination...Bangor, Maine.

C **F**
Old worn out suit and shoes,

G one strum down** **G**(*or G7)
I don't pay no union dues.

C **F**
I smoke old stogies I have found...

G **C**
Short, but not too big around.

C(*or C7) **F**
I'm a... man of means by no means...

G(*or G7) 2 down strums** **C**
... ..King of the road.

Verse 3 (Key change here if you want or know how...we'll teach how to down the track)

C **F**
I know every engineer on every train

G **C**
All of their children, and all of their names

C(*or C7) **F**
And every handout in every town

G-one strum down**
And every lock that ain't locked

G(*or G7)
When no one's around. I sing,...

[Repeat Verse 1, then end]