AND I HEARD THE ANSWER

This song became well known around Houston when Bill graciously allowed Across The Water to perform and record it. Bill and Kate are returning to Second Saturday October 13, and *Hobos* will no doubt be requested, and much of the audience will sing along. Here are the chords and lyrics in case you want to practice up for Second Saturday. You can hear Bill and Kate perform this song at the link below. I have transcribed the song in G. If you want to play along on the video, capo at the first fret.

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G C G

From seven to seven, every night of the week

G C D

Fixin’ trains in the roundhouse, I work on my feet

C G

And I told my children, “I hope the bed bugs don’t bite”

G D G

And I’ve got hobos sleeping in the roundhouse tonight

From Akron and Hinckley and Prairie du Chein

They are soldiers and lawyers and I believe what they’re sayin’.

And I’ll roust them at four and they’ll head down the line

My hobos sleepin’ in the roundhouse tonight

C G

Goodnight, my hobos, rest your vagabond heads

C D

On your old knapsack pillows in your gunnysack beds

C G

For a few stolen hours, you’ll be alright

G D G

My hobos sleepin’ in the roundhouse tonight

Well, they hired a new man to work as a guard

Every mornin’ at sunrise, he checks out the yard

But, for now, I won’t trust him, though he’s seems pretty nice

‘Cause I got hobos sleepin in the roundhouse tonight

Well, I asked my Savior, “What should I do?

If I’m caught helping hobos my job could be through.”

And I heard the answer, so clear and so bright

“Are my hobos sleeping in your roundhouse tonight?”

Goodnight, boys.