Key: G   **Capo**: 2nd Fret

[Intro]
G – D – Em – C
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[Verse 1]
   G   D
Headed down south to the land of   the pines
       Em   C
And I'm thumbin' my way into North Caroline
   G   D   C   C
Starin' up the road   And pray to God I see headlights
   G   D
I made it down the coast in seventeen hours
Em   C
Pickin' me a bouquet of dogwood flowers
       G   D   C   C
And I'm a hopin' for Raleigh   I can see my baby tonight

[Chorus]
     G   D
So rock me mama like a wagon wheel
Em   C
Rock me mama anyway you feel
G   D   C
Heeeeyyyy,   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
Heeeeyyyy,   mama rock me

[Instrumental]
G – D – Em – C
G – D – C

[Verse 2]
   G   D
Runnin' from the cold up in New England
     Em   C
I was born to be a fiddler in an old-time stringband
   G   D   C   C
My baby plays the guitar   I pick a banjo now
     G   D
Oh, the North country winters keep a-gettin' me now
     Em   C
Lost my   money playin' poker so I had to up and leave
    G   D   C   C
But I ain't a turnin' back   To livin' that old life no more

   [Chorus]

[Instrumental]
G – D – Em – C
G – D – C
G – D – Em – C
G – D – C

[Verse 5]   [Single strum this verse]
   G   D
Walkin' to the south out of Roanoke
     Em   C
I caught a trucker out of Philly   Had a nice long toke
     G   D   C   C
But he's a headed west from the Cumberland Gap   To Johnson City, Tennessee

[Regular strum]
   G   D
And I gotta get a move on before the sun
     Em   C
I hear my baby callin' my name And I know that she's the only one
   G   D   C   C
And if I die in Raleigh   At least I will die free

   [Chorus]

[Close]
G – D – Em – C
G – D – C

[End]
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