

Freight Train

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C C G G7
Freight train, freight train, run so fast
G7 G7 C C
Freight train, freight train, run so fast
E7 E7 F F
Please don't tell what train I'm on
C G7 C
So they won't know where I'm gone

Interlude: E E7 F F C G7 C G7

When I'm dead and in my grave
No more good times here I crave
Place the stones at my head and feet
And tell them all I've gone to sleep

When I die, oh bury me deep
Down at the end of old Chestnut Street
So I can hear old Number Nine
As she comes rolling by

Chorus and interlude

There's one more train, I'm bound to ride
One more time, before I die
So that I can see those Blue Ridge Mountains rise
Come ridin' in old number nine.

Freight train, freight train, goin' round the bend
Freight train, freight train, comin' back again
One of these days I'll turn that train around
And go back to my home town.

Chorus and interlude

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