

Down the Line

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(The Engineer on His Train)

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Song for Base Voice

Allegretto

Piano accompaniment for the first system. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The right hand plays chords, and the left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Chords are labeled: G, D7(omit 5)/F#, D7/F#, and G.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system. The vocal line is in bass clef. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. Chords are labeled: G, D7(omit 5)/F#, D7/F#, and G.

1. I feel my en - gine rock and reel, O'er ribs of oak and bars of steel, Tho'
2. I pass and breathe an ear - nest prayer, "O Fa - ther keep them in thy care;" What
3. How man - y friends I cause to meet, In blest com - mun - ion, sa - cred, sweet; How

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third system. The vocal line is in bass clef. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. Chords are labeled: G/B, Am, D7(omit 5)/C, and G/B.

9 death be near: a - head, be - low, I may not heed, but on ___ must go. Ah!
fears I feel, may they not know, As o'er the ring - ing rails ___ I go. Tho'
9 man - y friends I cause to part, With tear - ful eye and sor - row - ing heart. But

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she is dear al - most as life, I love her next the child and wife Whose
storms may gath - er on the plain, And mad - ly dash a - gainst my train; Tho'
with the lev - er firm in hand, Be - tween such lives and death I stand; And

B7(omit 5)/A Em/G A7(omit 5)/G D/F#

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fac - es at the win - dow pane, I pass each morn - ing on the train.
tem - pests rage and wild winds blow, I may not heed but on must go.
may I, taught by love di - vine, If need be, for those lives give mine.

G D7(omit 5)/F# D7(omit 5)/C G/B

21

Refrain

I rock ___ and reel, I rock ___ and reel, O'er

G G G G

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ribs of oak and bars of steel, From

Am Am Am Am

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friends and all my loved a - way, I

D7(omit 5)/C G/B D G/D

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thun - der down the line all

C/E Bm/D Am/C G/B F#°/A Em/G D/F# C/E G/D

37

day, I thun - der down the

37

C/E

40

line all day.

1. 2. 3.

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G/D G