

George Thorogood, Gone Dead Train

My engine was pumpin' the steam
And I was grindin' out you hard and fast
I was burnin' down the rails
To heat the way
Haulin' ass a-ridin' up the tracks
And I laughed at the conductor
Who was tellin' me my coal would never last
When the fire in my boiler
Up and quit before I came
There ain't no empty cellar
Need a gone dead train

Once there was a time
When I could mama shave'em dry
And raise the fever ice-down chill
Waitin' at the station with a heavy-loaded sack
Savin' up and holdin' just to spill
Shootin' my supply in my demon's eye
Instead of waitin' for the time to go by, well
When the fire in the boiler
Up and quit before I came
There ain' no empty cellar
Need a gone dead train

It's a gone dead train
You gotta teach it to burn
Yes, it's a gone dead train
You gotta teach it to learn

There ain't no easy way
To run a down-hill pull
And there ain't no easy way
Just wishin' for some jelly roll
Ain't no switch been made
To make your juicy lemon find
A spring to run a dry well full
'Cause the fire in my boiler
Up and quit before I came
There ain't no empty cellar
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Well, it's gone dead train
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Yeah, gone dead train
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Baby it's a gone dead train