

# Tom Waits, Whistlin' Past The Graveyard

I come in on a night train  
With an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
I busted up a chifforobe  
Way out by the cocomo  
Cooked up a mess a mulligan  
And got into a fight

Whistlin' past the graveyard  
Steppin' on a crack  
A mean Mother Hubbard Papa One Eyed Jack

You probably seen me sleepin'  
Out by the railroad tracks  
Go on and ask the Prince Of Darkness  
What about all that smoke  
Come from the stack  
Sometimes I kill myself a jackel  
Suck out all the blood  
Steal myself a stationwagon  
Drivin' through the mud

I want to whistlin' past the graveyard  
Steppin' on a crack  
I'm mean Mother Hubbard Papa One Eyed Jack

I know you seen my headlights  
And the honkin' of my horn  
I'm callin' out my bloodhounds  
Chase the devil through the corn  
Last night I chugged the Mississippi  
Now that suckers dry as a bone  
I'm Born in a taxi cab  
I'm never comin' home

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My eyes have seen the glory  
Of the drainin' of the ditch  
I only come to Baton Rouge  
To find myself a witch  
I'm-ona snatch me up a  
Couple of 'em every time it rains  
You see a locomotive  
Probably thinkin' its a train

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What you think is the sunshine  
Is just a twinkle in my eye  
That ring around my finger  
Called the 4th of July  
When I get a little bit lonesome  
And a tear falls from my check  
There's gonna be an ocean in  
The middle of the week

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I come into town on a night train  
Arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
I'm gona tear me off a rainbow  
And wear it for a tie  
I never told the truth  
So I can never tell a lie

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