

The Runaway Train – Michael Holliday (1956)

[E7*] T'was in the year of [A*] '89 [G*] on that old [F#*] Great Western line
[E7*] When the winter [A*] wind was blowin' [E7*]shrill
The rails were froze, the [A*] wheels were cold,
[G*] then the air brakes [F#*] wouldn't hold
And [E7*] Number 9 came [A*] roaring down the [B*] hill -- oh!

The [G] runaway train came down the track and she blew
The runaway train came down the track and she [D] blew
The [G] runaway train came [C] down the track,
Her [G] whistle wide and her [D] throttle back
And she [G] blew, blew, [D] blew, blew, [G] blew

[G] The engineer said the train must halt and she blew
The engineer said the train must halt and she [D] blew
The [G] engineer said the [C] train must halt –
He [G] said it was all the [D] fireman's fault
And she [G] blew, blew, [D] blew, blew, [G] blew

[G] The fireman said he rang the bell and she blew
The fireman said he rang the bell and she [D] blew
The [G] fireman said he [C] rang the bell – the [G] engineer said "You [D]did like hell!"
And she [G] blew, blew, [D] blew, blew, [G] blew

[G] The porter got an awful fright and she blew
The porter got an awful fright and she [D] blew
The [G] porter got an [C] awful fright -- he [G] got so scared he [D] near turned white
And she [G] blew, blew, [D] blew, blew, [G] blew

[G] The conductor said there'd be a wreck and she blew
The conductor said there'd be a wreck and she [D] blew
The con-[G]ductor said there'd [C] be a wreck and he [G] felt the chills run [D] up his neck
And she [G] blew, blew, [D] blew, blew, [G] blew

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