Daddy's Lantern

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Every night I'd lay down to bed
And see my Daddy up ahead
A little light coming down the road
I knew the lantern was guiding him homeA steel rail worker, my Father stood tall
In St. Maurice Valley after the 1st World War
And every morning when he'd kiss Ma goodbye
I never thought that dear Daddy would dieDown the road, down the road
See the lantern moving slow
Down the road, down the road
Daddy's coming homeMother was crying in her sleep
She had a secret she could not keep
"Son, your Father can never come back
He went and died out there on the tracks"I ran down the hall and looked outside
Into the cold of life's darkest night
Here in my prison, alone with despair
I hated Daddy for leaving me hereThen my walls lit up like flames
My window flew open and I heard my name
And Daddy shone as bright as he could
I knew the lantern had brought him home for goodDown the road, down the road
See the lantern moving slow
Down the road, down the road
Daddy's coming home
Down the road, down the road
See the lantern burning low
Down the road
Now I know
Daddy's coming home

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