

# Lightning Express

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The lightning express from the depot so grand  
Had started out on its way  
All of the passengers that were on board  
Seemed to be happy and gay But one little boy who sat by himself  
Was reading a letter he had  
You could plainly tell by the look on his face  
That the contents of it made him sad The stern old conductor then started his round  
Taking tickets from everyone there  
And finally reaching the side of the boy  
He gruffly demanded his fare "I have no ticket" the boy then replied  
"But I'll pay you back someday"  
"Then I'll put you off at the next stop we make"  
But he stopped when he heard the boy say "Please Mr. Conductor  
Don't put me off of this train  
The best friend I have in this world sir  
Is waiting for me in pain  
Expecting to die any moment sir  
And may not live through the day  
I wanna reach home and kiss mother goodbye  
Before God takes her away." A girl sitting near was heard to exclaim  
"If you put him off, it's a shame."  
Taking his hand, a collection she made  
The boy's way was paid on the train "I'm obliged to you miss for your kindness to me."  
"You're welcome," she said, never fear  
Each time the conductor would pass through the car  
The boy's words would ring in his ear "Please Mr. Conductor  
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