

# The Little Engine That Could

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There was a little railroad train with loads and loads of toys  
All starting out to find a home with little girls and boys  
And as that little railroad train began to chug along  
The little engine up in front was heard to sing this song  
Choo choo, choo choo, choo choo, choo choo, I feel so  
good today  
Oh, clear the track, oh clickety clack, Ill go my merry way  
The little train went roaring on, so fast, it seemed to  
fly  
Until it reached a mountain rising almost to the sky  
The little engine moaned and groaned and huffed and puffed away  
But halfway to the top it just gave up and seemed to say  
I cant go on, I cant go on, Im weary as can be  
I cant go on, I cant go on, this job is not for me  
The toys got out to push but all in vain alas, alack  
And then a great big engine came a whistling down the track  
They asked if it would kindly pull them up the mountain side  
But with a high and mighty sneer it scornfully replied  
Dont bother me, dont bother me to pull the likes of you  
Dont bother me, dont bother me, Ive better things to do  
The toys all started crying cause that engine was so mean  
And then there came another one, the smallest ever seen  
But though it seemed that she could hardly pull herself along  
She hitched on to the train and as she pulled she sang this song  
I think I can, I think I can, I think I have a plan  
And I can do 'most anything if I only think I can  
Then up that great big mountain with the cars all full of toys  
And soon they reached the waiting arms of happy girls and boy  
And though that ends the story it will do you lots of good  
To take a lesson from the little engine that could  
Just think you can, just think you can, just have that understood  
And very soon youll start to say, I always knew I could  
I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could  
I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could

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