New Train

John Prine

Full blown silence in an empty room
A former bride and a former groom
A folding table and a folding chair
A folded hand of poker thereAll new directions must go everywhere
Big round people in a cool little square
You can't cut it with a boat or a plane
Man it's gonna take a new trainYou'll be leaving on a new train
Far away from this world of pain
And when you look out your window you'll see
Your home your baby and your familyNo melted ice cube in a paper cup
Hell, you'll be happy you'll be all shook up
The friends that greet you will be simple and plain
When you step down from that new trainCollected volumes of history say
Man makes mistakes most everyday
The half a pound of chopped ground round
Is still a burger when it goes downtownNo faded photographs of yesterdays
Are in the books that I read these days
To fly away from that memory town
You must keep both your feet on the ground'Cause you'll be leaving on a new train
Far away from this world of pain
And when you look out your window you'll see
Your home your baby and your familyNo melted ice cube in a paper cup
Hell, you'll be happy you'll be all shook up
The friends that greet you will be simple and plain
When you step down from that new trainI'll be leaving on a new train
Far away from this world of pain
The friends that greet me will be simple and plain
When I step down from that new train
New train, new train

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