

Freight Train

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I just came down from Chippewa
Had as station wagon and a hundred dollars
Thinking about the girl I'd lost a year before
I hadn't seen her for some time

Thought I might go on by when your memory came flooding in and you closed that door.

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Well every time I talk to you I hear your jealous lines
I feel like I've been left abandoned on some old railway side
And every time I hear your voice my water just gets cold
My stoker will not stoke and my boiler will not boil.

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Well every time I fell behind I could not get ahead
I wish someone would pull the lever and give me a little sand
And every time I slip behind even further back

I wish some switch man would come out of the fog and change my track.

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