

# The Engineer's Dying Child

## Johnny Cash

A little child on a sickbed lay  
And death was very near  
He was the pride and the only child  
Of a railroad engineerHis duty had called him from those he loved  
And seeing that hope was dim  
While a tear he shed to his wife, he said  
Just have two lanterns trimmed"Just hang a light when I pass tonight  
Hang it where it can be seen  
If the baby's dead then show the red  
If he's better then show the greenIn a little shack by the railroad track  
A mother with watchful eyes  
Saw a gleam of hope in a tender smile  
As the train went rushing byJust one short look was his only chance?  
To see the light a gleam  
In the midnight air, there rose a prayer  
Thank God the light was greenJust hang a light when I pass tonight  
Hang it where it can be seen  
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