

Monkey And The Engineer

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Introduce with definitions

Locomotive: Engine pulls the train
Number ninety nine: Cannon Ball Express
Engineer: Person who operated engine
Throttle: Lever to make engine go fast
Jumped the gun: Started off really fast
Worried mind: Really really worried

Mainline run: Main railroad track
Dispatcher: Sends safety messages on wire
Switch Operator: Person to switch track
Switch to the Right: Move the switch right
Through the hole: Let train go to side track
Sewed up tight: Under complete control
Jargon: Special words used for work

G C G
Once upon a time there was an engineer
A7 D7
Drove a locomotive both far and near
G C
Accompanied by a monkey who would sit on a stool
G A7 D7 G
Watching everything the engineer would do

G C G
One day the engineer wanted a bite to eat
A7 D7
He left the monkey sitting on the driver's seat
G C
The monkey pulled the throttle, locomotive jumped the gun
G A7 D7 G
Doing ninety miles an hour down the mainline run

Chorus

G C G
Big locomotive right on time
A7 D7
Big locomotive coming down the line
G C
Big locomotive number ninety nine
G A7 D7 G
Left the engineer with a worried mind

Ritard last time

Engineer called the dispatcher on the phone
A7 D7
To tell him all about his locomotive was gone
G C
Get on the wire, switch operator to the right
G A7 D7 G
'Cause the monkey's got the mainline sewed up tight

The switch operator got the message in time
A7 D7
Said there's a northbound train on the same mainline
G C
Open up the switch, I'm gonna let him through the hole
G A7 D7 G
'Cause the monkey's got the locomotive under control

Chorus

He drove the locomotive clear to old St. Paul
A7 D7
Then on to Minneapolis and that's not all
G C
He picked up spe-ed, he was headed West.
G A7 D7 G
Till he pulled in the station at old Camp Quest.

Chorus (Ritard last line)