

Lightning Express

The Lightning Express

A

The Lightning Express from it's depot so grand

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A

Had started out on it's way

All of the passengers that were on board

B7

E7

Seemed to be happy and gay

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But one little boy who sat by himself

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D

Was reading a letter he had

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You could plainly tell by the look on his face

E7

A

That the contents of it made him sad

The stern old conductor then started his rounds

Taking tickets from everyone there

Finally reaching the side of the boy

He gruffly demanded his fare

I have no ticket the boy then replied

But I'll pay you back someday

Then I'll put you off at the next stop we make

But he stopped when he heard the boy say

(chorus)

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D

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Please Mr Conductor, don't put me off of this train.

The best friend I have in the world sir

B7

E7

Is waiting for me in pain

A

Expected to die any moment sir

D

D

And may not live through the day

A

I want to reach home and kiss Mother goodbye

E7

A

Before God takes her away

A girl sitting near was heard to exclaim

If you put him off it's a shame

Then taking his hat a collection was made

The boy's fare was paid on the train

I'm obliged to you miss, the boy then replied

You're welcome, she said, never fear

Each time the conductor would pass through the car

The boy's words would ring in his ear

(repeat chorus)