

The Trolley Song

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Recorded by Judy Garland, 1944

From the movie "Meet Me In St. Louis"

E7 A D9 E7 A D6
With my high starched collar and my high topped shoes

E7 A D9 A
And my hair piled high upon her head

Edim Bm7 E A C#m
I went to lose a jolly hour on the trolley

Cdim B7 Bm7-5 E7
And I lost my heart instead

E7 A D9 E7 A D6
With his light brown derby and his bright green tie

E7 A D9 A
He was quite the handsomest of men

Edim Bm7 E A C#m
I started to yen so I counted to ten

Cdim B7 Bm7-5 E7
Then I counted to ten again

A DM7 A DM7
"Clang, clang, clang" went the trolley

A F#m D9 E7
"Ding, ding, ding" went the bell

A DM7 A DM7
"Zing, zing, zing" went my heart-strings

A D9 E7 A
From the moment I saw him I fell

A DM7 A DM7
"Chug, chug, chug" went the motor

A F#m D9 E7
"Bump, bump, bump" went the brake

A DM7 A DM7
"Thump, thump, thump" went my heart-strings

E7 A F#m D9 E7 A
When he smiled, I could feel the car shake

Bm7-5 E7 Fdim A
He tipped his hat and took a seat

Edim E D9 E7/6 Fdim A
He said he hoped he hadn't stepped upon my feet

A+5 F# Gdim Bm
He asked my name, I held my breath

C#m7-5 D Cdim Bm7-5 Edim E7
I couldn't speak because he scared me half to death

A DM7 A DM7
"Buzz, buzz, buzz" went the buzzer

A F#m D9 E7
"Plop, plop, plop" went the wheels

A AM7 A7 D6 D7
"Stop, stop, stop" went my heart-strings

Fdim A D9 A7 Fdim E7/9
As he started to go then I started to know how it feels

Cdim A6
When the universe reels.

Bm7-5 E7 Fdim A
The day was bright, the air was sweet

Edim E D9 E7/6 Fdim A
The smell of honeysuckle charmed you off your feet.

A+5 F# Gdim Bm
You thought you'd sing but couldn't squeek --

C#m7-5 D Cdim Bm7-5 Edim E7
In fact you loved him so you couldn't even speak.

A DM7 A DM7
"Buzz, buzz, buzz" went the buzzer

A F#m D9 E7
"Plop, plop, plop" went the wheels

A AM7 A7 D6 D7
"Stop, stop, stop" went my heart-strings

Fdim A D9 A7 Fdim A6
As he started to leave I took hold of his sleeve with my hand

Fdim(III) E7 D9 E7/9 E7 E7/9
And as if it were planned he stayed on with me

E Cdim Fdim(III) C#7 D
And it was grand just to stand with his hand holding mine

Cdim D9 Bm7-5 A
To the end of the line.