

# Freight Train

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**C** **G** **G7**

Freight train, freight train, run so fast,  
When I'm dead and in my grave,  
When I die, Lord, bury me deep,  
*(Repeat first.)*

The first system of musical notation for 'Freight Train' consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment of eighth notes. Chord symbols C, G, and G7 are placed above the first, second, and third measures respectively. The lyrics are: 'Freight train, freight train, run so fast, When I'm dead and in my grave, When I die, Lord, bury me deep, (Repeat first.)'

**C**

Freight train more freight train, run so fast,  
No more down good times here I'll crave.  
Way down on old Chestnut Street,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The treble clef staff has the melody with lyrics. The bass clef staff has the accompaniment. A chord symbol C is placed above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Freight train more freight train, run so fast, No more down good times here I'll crave. Way down on old Chestnut Street,'

**E7** **F**

Please don't tell wh - at train I'm on They won't  
Place a stone at my head and feet; Tell my  
So I can hear old Num - ber Nine A - s

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The treble clef staff has the melody with lyrics. The bass clef staff has the accompaniment. Chord symbols E7 and F are placed above the first and second measures respectively. The lyrics are: 'Please don't tell wh - at train I'm on They won't Place a stone at my head and feet; Tell my So I can hear old Num - ber Nine A - s'

**C** **F** **G7** **C**

know wh - at route I've gone.  
friends that I've gone to sleep.  
she goes roaring ing by.

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The treble clef staff has the melody with lyrics. The bass clef staff has the accompaniment. Chord symbols C, F, G7, and C are placed above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. The lyrics are: 'know wh - at route I've gone. friends that I've gone to sleep. she goes roaring ing by.'