

The Poison Train

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Intro (play also before verse 5)

♩ = 75 *8va*

F C B^b F C

6 (8) F C F B^b F C

11 F C B^b Gm

1. This old town has had its day, all the peo - ple moved a - way, & the
 2. When the rail - way o - pened here all the gut - ters flowed with beer, & the
 3. Well they built the streets so wide it - 'd be a thing of pride, To____
 4. I still hear the tall man say to the child - ren at their play, Now you'd
 5. You feel sor - ry for the grass, all it did was grow too fast, & with

14 F C

hous - es stand - ing emp - ty in the dry & the dus - ty day. No - one
 peo - ple stood be - side the line to____ watch and_ wave & cheer. Oh the
 walk a - cross it drunk or throw a stone to the o - ther side, And the
 bet - ter go home ear - ly and you'd bet - ter__ stay a - way. Stay a -
 wea - pons ranged a - gainst it, it was ne - ver_ meant to last. And the

16 F C B^b Gm

cares for this old town now the mon - ey's not a - round & the
 speech - es that were made when the boss - es smiled & said,_____
 build - ings grew so tall you would trem - ble at their fall, Now they
 way____ from the line can't you hear the rail - way humming, The____
 man and his off - sider, well____ they're all dressed in black, As the

18 F B^b/C F

rail - way lines are rus - ty____ & the stat - ion's fall - ing down._____
 "Good times are be - gin - ing____ fol - low us & you'll go a - head."_____
 all fall down & you'd ne - ver know there was any - one there at all._____
 grass has grown too tall____ and the poi - son train is com - ing._____
 poi - son train goes through the town and__ blis - ters all the track._____

21 C F B^b F C

S. *There's a light down the line let it shine, shine, let it shine. There's a*

A. *There's a light down the line let it shine, shine, let it shine. There's a*

T. *There's a light down the line let it shine, shine, let it shine. There's a*

B. *There's a light down the line let it shine, shine, let it shine. There's a*

26 Dm B^b F C Fine

S. *camp down the way, all the fet - tlers will be com - ing home to - day.*

A. *camp down the way, all the fet - tlers will be com - ing home to - day.*

T. *camp down the way, all the fet - tlers will be com - ing home to - day.*

B. *camp down the way, all the fet - tlers will be com - ing home to - day.*

Final Verse

30 Dm B^b

S. 6. Well it ne - ver last - ed long — half the town was dead & gone; and

33 Gm C

S. ev - 'ry bo - dy was a - fraid to be there left a - lone, All the

35 F C B^b Gm

S. peo - ple stayed a - way and there was no cel - e - bra - tion, —

37 F B^b/C F (Back to chorus)

S. No - bo - dy made a speech the day they closed the rail - way sta - tion. —