

The Runaway Train
(Michael Holiday)

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Am **Dm Am** **E7**
T'was in the year of '89 on that old Chicago line,
Am **E7** **Am**
When the winter wind was blowin' shrill,
Am **Dm**
The rails were froze, the wheels were cold,
Am **E7**
and then the air brakes wouldn't hold,
B7 **E** **G7**
And Number 9 came roaring down the hill -- oh!

Verse 1

C
The runaway train come down the track and she blew,
C **G7**
The runaway train came down the track and she blew,
C **F**
The runaway train come down the track,
C **G7**
her whistle wide and her throttle back,
C **G7** **C**
And she blew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew

[Verse 2]

C
The engineer said the train must halt and she blew,
C **G7**
The engineer said the train must halt and she blew,
C **F**
The engineer said the train must halt --
C **G7**
he said it was all the fireman's fault
C **G7** **C**
And she blew ew, ew, ew, ew

[Verse 3]

C
Now the fireman said he rang the bell and she blew,
C **G7**
The fireman said he rang the bell and she blew,
C **F**
The fireman said he rang the bell --
C **G7**
the engineer said "You did like"
C **G7** **C**
And she blew ew, ew, ew, ew

[Verse 4]

C

The porter got an awful fright and she blew,

C

G7

The porter got an awful fright and she blew,

C

F

The porter got an awful fright --

C

G7

he got so scared he near turned white,

C

G7

C

As she blew,ew, ew, ew, ew, ew

[Verse 5]

C

The conductor said there'll be a wreck and she blew,

C

G7

The conductor said there'll be a wreck and she blew,

C

F

The conductor said there'd be a wreck

C

G7

and he felt the chills run up his neck,

C

G7

C

And she blew ew, ew, ew, ew

[Verse 6]

C

The runaway train went over the hill and she blew,

C

G7

The runaway train went over the hill and she blew,

C

F

The runaway train went over the hill

C

G7

and the last we heard she was going still

C

G7

C

As she blew,ew, ew, ew, ew, ew