revised 12/4/16

Casey Jones

Lawrence Seibert and Ernie Newton

Recorded by Johnny Cash

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G
Come all you rounders if you wanna hear
A7 D7
The story about a brave engineer
G
Casey Jones was the roller's name
D7 G G
On a six-eight wheeler course he rode to fame

G
Caller called Casey bout half past four
A7 D7
He kissed his wife at the station door
G
He climbed in the cabin with his orders in his hand
D7 G G
Said this is the trip to the Promised Land

CHORUS:
G
Casey Jones - climbed in the cabin
G D7
Casey Jones - orders in his hand
G
Casey Jones - leaning out the window
G D7 G G
Making a trip to the Promised Land

G
Through South Memphis Yards on a fly
A7 D7
Rain been a falling and the water was high
G
Everybody knew by the engine's moan
D7 G G
That the man at the throttle was Casey Jones

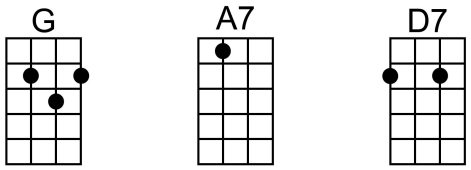
G
Well Jones said fireman now don't you fret
A7 **D7**
Sam Webb said we ain't a giving up yet
G
We're eight hours late with the southbound mail
D7 **G**
We'll be on time or we're leaving the rails

CHORUS:

G
Dead on the rail was a passenger train
A7 **D7**
Blood was a boiling in Casey's brain
G
Casey said hey now look out ahead
D7 **G** **G**
Jump, Sam, jump, or we'll all be dead

G
With a hand on a whistle and a hand on a brake
A7 **D7**
North Mississippi was wide-awake
G
I. C. railroad officials said *(I. C. = Illinois Central)*
D7 **G** **G**
He's a good engineer to be a lying dead

CHORUS:

G
Headaches and heartaches and all kinds of pain
A7 **D7**
All the part of a railroad train
G
Sweat and toil the good and the grand
D7 **G** **G**
Are part of the life of a railroad man

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