

Dead Man's Train

Background: Picked up my guitar and it was out of tune. But it sounded all right. So I tuned it down to double dropped D and ran with it, and this song popped out of nowhere in a short time.

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Verse

Smokestacks burn
Listen to the engine churn
Your luck's about to turn
But in no good way

Streetlights shine
Paint the windows as they pass you by
The steam whistle cries

As you're dragged away

Pre-chorus

Your train's left the station
For a permanent vacation

Chorus

Riding the Dead Man's Train
Feeling no pain
Riding the Dead Man's Train
Feel the rush
Through a driving rain
On the Dead Man's Train
Driving you insane
Ain't got no solution
To all this mass delusion
On the Dead Man's Train

Verse

All aboard he cried
Kiss your women and children goodbye
Get your ticket ready to ride
We're gonna fly away

Feel the engines grind
Feel the needle riding up your spine
Don't look back at the tracks behind
They've all gone away

Pre-chorus

Your train's left the station
You've lost all sensation

Chorus

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Bridge

Out behind the station
The wanted men hide
Thieves count their score
And the outlaws ride
You wanna survive
But all that's left inside
Ain't gonna be enough today

Pre-chorus

On the tracks to perdition
Need an act of contrition

Chorus

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