

Train of Thought

Background: The older I get the more forgetful I am. Sometimes it's the common cliché of getting up to get something then forgetting what it was before you get there. Or just not being able to remember as well as you used to. I can remember song lyrics from songs 50 years ago, or plays and plays from sporting events decades ago, but remembering more recent things is difficult.

The song title is from Calvin and Hobbes. The big dumb bully Moe is harassing Calvin, trying to extort his lunch money or something. Calvin says something witty, to which the slow and confused Moe replies, "what"? Calvin turns and faces outward as if he's speaking to you and says, "Moe's train of thought is still boarding at the station." I thought, that sounds like a good name for a song. It kind of fits where I am these days.

Written: 2024

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	E	4/4	Standard	145	Up-tempo Blues in E	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Slow Blues Riff at 12 Train Rhythm
Verse	E7 E7 E7 E7 A7 A7 E7 E B7 A7 E7 E7
Chorus	A7 A7 A7 A7 E7 E7 E7 E7 B7 A7 E7 E7

Chords Used in this Song

E7	E	A	A7	B7

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Chorus in E

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at the station
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at the station
The conductor's asleep
The engineer went on vacation

Verse

The hobos are not amused
They jumped the wrong train
The trainspotters look confused
Left standing out in the rain
They all wanna know why
But I can't begin to explain

Chorus in A

Cuz my train of thought
Is still boardin' at Union Station
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at Union Station
The trainmaster's brain dead
A few words shy of a conversation

Verse

I can't face the news
I must be spared the humiliation
I have no idea
Who's running this operation
My memory's gone blank
My brain's lost all sensation

Chorus in A

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at the junction
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at the junction
This old body's shot
And its mind can barely function

Verse

I can remember old songs
From 50 years ago no less
If you asked me to recite lyrics
I would easily pass the test
I can remember all that
But can't recall what I had for breakfast

Chorus in A

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at track 10
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at track 10
Why's it a penny for your thoughts
But you gotta put your two cents in
(Somebody's makin' a penny)

Harmonic or Guitar Solo**Bridge**

The cross buck warns I'm comin'
Of train tracks in the path
The gate arm swings on down
Blockin' people tryin' to pass
Lights flashin' like it's Christmas
A tree of red and blue
Don't ask me where I'm goin'
I haven't got a clue

Chorus in E

Cuz my train of thought
Is still boardin' at Grand Central
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at Grand Central
This might be CTE
Might be the onset of dementia

Verse

Now the bar car's closed
The conductor's in rehabilitation

They confiscated his keys
Because of his intoxication
Now this train's stuck here
Cuz they don't trust him with the navigation

Chorus in A

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at Metro Center
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at Metro Center
Ain't no bar car here so me'n'
The yardmaster went on a bender

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at Grand Depot
I said my train of thought's
Still boardin' at Grand Depot
I'd like to learn all your names
But there's way too many people

Final Chorus in A

My train of thought
Is still boardin' at the Terminal
I said my train of thought
Still boardin' at the Terminal
I'd like to end on a good rhyme
But nothing rhymes with terminal
Yeah I'd like to go one more time
But I think my condition's terminal

Alternate Choruses

My train of thought's
Stuck at 30th St. Station
I said my train of thought's
Stuck at 30th St. Station
Can't believe I'm stuck in Philly
This town ain't worth the aggravation

My train of thought
Is waitin' at Moynihan Train Hall

I said my train of thought
Still waitin' at Moynihan Train Hall
Wish I knew how I got to New York
But you know I can't recall

My train of thought's
Stuck at Baltimore Penn Station
I said my train of thought's
Stuck at Baltimore Penn Station
I wish I didn't need these notes
It takes too much memorization

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