

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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Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	D	4/4	Standard	135	Grungy/Bluesy Rock	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	
Verse	D5 Gsus2 (F6/9 Em11) Amaj7sus Gmaj7 Cmaj11 D5
Pre-chorus	Amaj7sus Gmaj7
Chorus	D5 Gsus2 D5 Gsus2 Amaj7sus Gmaj7 Cmaj11
Bridge	BmAdd11 Aadd11 Gsus2 D5 BmAdd11 Aadd11 Gsus2
Ending	

Chords Used in this Song (Actual Chord Name Above Due to Tuning)

D5 (Dsus2)	Gsus2	F6/9 (Gsus2)	Em11	Aadd11 (A)	BmAdd11 (Bm)

Amaj7sus	Gmaj7	Cmaj11

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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
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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

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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

Solo**Pre-chorus**

On the tracks to perdition
Need an act of contrition

Chorus

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<p>Pre-chorus Your train's left the station For a permanent vacation</p>	<p>Pre-chorus Your train's left the station You've lost all sensation</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Chorus</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>Solo</p>
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	<p>Chorus</p>