

# Freight Train

Elizabeth Cotton, circa 1906-1912

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C] / [C] /**

[C] Freight train, freight train [G7] run so fast  
[G7] Freight train, freight train [C] run so fast  
[E7] Please don't tell what [F] train I'm on  
So they won't [C] know what [G7] route I'm [C] gone [C]  
[E7] Please don't tell what [F] train I'm on  
So they won't [C] know what [G7] route I've [C] gone [C]

[C] When I am dead and [G7] in my grave  
[G7] No more good times [C] here I crave  
[E7] Place the stones at my [F] head and feet  
An' tell 'em [C] all that I'm [G7] gone to [C] sleep [C]  
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[C] When I die Lord [G7] bury me deep  
[G7] Way down on old [C] Chestnut Street  
So [E7] I can hear old [F] Number Nine  
As [C] she comes [G7] rollin' [C] by [C]  
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