

The Ballad of Casey Jones (Bruce Springsteen version)

Strumming Pattern: DU, XUU, DU

Tempo: NA

Chords Used:

G

G B D G B G

C

E C E G C E

D7

A D A C F#

D

A D A D F#

D

A D A D F#

OR

(Verse 1)

G
Well come all you rounders if you wanna hear,
C D7
The story about a brave engineer.
G
Casey Jones was the roller's name,
D7 G
On a 68 wheeler course he rode to fame.

(Verse 2)

(G)
Caller called Casey bout half past four,
C D7
He kissed his wife at the station door.
G
He climbed in the cabin with his orders in his hand,
D7 G
Said "This is the trip to the Promised Land."

(Chorus)

(G) D
Casey Jones, climbed in(to) the cabin,
G D
Casey Jones, orders in his hand,
G D
Casey Jones, leaning out the window,
G D G
Making a trip to the Promised Land.
(Gonna make a trip to the Promised Land)

(Verse 3)

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

(Verse 4)

(G)
Well Jones said fireman now don't you fret,
 C 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)

(Verse 5)

(G)
Dead on the rail was a passenger train,
 C D7
Blood was a boiling in Casey's brain.
G
Casey said "Hey now look out ahead,
 D7 G
Jump Sam jump or we'll all be dead."

(Verse 6)

(G)
With a hand on a whistle and a hand on a brake,
 C D7
North Mississippi was wide awake.
 G
I see railroad official said,
 D7 G
"He's a good engineer to be a layin' dead."

(Chorus)

(Verse 7)

(G)

Headaches and heartaches and all kinds of pain,

C D7

All the part of a railroad train.

G

Sweat and toil the good and the grand,

D7 G

are part of the life of a railroad man.

(Chorus)

(to end the song just repeat the last phrase of the chorus and end on G)