Night Train to Lorca

The Pogues

Across the dark and dusty plain Where scars of old dry rivers run Night unfolds, a coal black shroud Across the hard and stony ground

Distant stars shining bright
In the cavern of the night
All is still and silence screams
To the thunder of the Lorca train

Flaming steal swift as wind Wires hum the rails ring Smokestack burning fiery sparks Rise up to the stars

Towns asleep by empty roads Churches rise from crooked roofs Cloaked in darkness nothing stirs Grow smaller darker disappear

See the moon so still and cold A million stars that shed no warmth Your nightmares all come out to play In the silver light

Wait for sunrise in the east Long shadows crawl across the plain The ghosts of night will disappear And lay your fears to rest

Steam hissed up, the hot coals glowed The furnace blazed, the wheels they rolled On tracks of iron, straight and cold The silver moonlight danced

The flames are in the fireman's eye Orange in the engines glow Gleaming pistons whirling cranks Wait for dawn the rooster's crow

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