

## Chucky Berry

### "Downbound Train"

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A stranger lying on a bar room floor  
had drank so much he could drink no more,  
and so he fell asleep with a troubled brain  
to dream that he rode on that down bound train.  
The engine with blood was sweaty and damp  
and brilliantly lit with a brimstone lamp,  
and imps for fuel was shoveling bones  
while the furnace rang with a thousand groans.  
The boiler was filled with lots of beer  
the devil himself was the engineer,  
the passengers were most a motley crew,  
some were foreigners and others he knew.  
rich men and lost beggars in rags  
handsome young ladies and wicked old hags.  
As the train rushed on at a terrible pace  
sulphuric fumes scorched their hands and face,  
wider and wider the country grew  
faster and faster the engine flew,  
louder and louder the thunder crashed

brighter and brighter the lighting flashed,  
hotter and hotter the air became  
til their clothes were burned with each quivering  
refrain.

Then out of the din there came a yell  
ha ha said the devil were nearing home,  
oh how the passengers shrieked with pain  
they go to Satan with this down bound train.

The stranger awoke with an anguished cry  
his clothes wet with sweat and his hair standing high,  
he fell on his knees on the bar room floor  
and prayed a prayer like never before.

And the prayers and vows were not in vain  
for he never rode that down bound train.

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