

## **Bernie Taupin**

# **"Desperation Train"**

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Thereabouts I came across another empty hand  
Another tin cup shaken by some raggedy old man  
Acting blind and keeping time with his thin white cane  
He said that Jesus Christ and Judas rode the  
Desperation Train

I've been torn down and rebuilt again  
Felt the cold fire of madness as it ran through my veins  
Signals from the green flag  
Steam rising in the front cab  
I believe we'd left it all behind

On the Desperation Train, they came  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
For all those who ride won't be denied  
For we all have rode the Desperation Train

Into view the ice truck flew with a smiling man aboard  
All pink cheeks and flashing teeth in a bright white  
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Take the strain  
But Charlie Chaplin and Lou Costello rode the  
Desperation Train  
And I've played hard and waited in vain  
Seen the red sun of sadness slowly sinking in my brain  
I've been driving in the long spikes  
Laying rails in the cold night  
I believe we'd left it all behind

On the Desperation Train, they came  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
For all those who feel fate turns the wheel  
Of the last car home on the Desperation Train

We've all been there, been born too late  
From Joan of Arc to Norma Rae

Men without shame, we came  
The last on this line and freed from our chains  
For all those who chose the road leading home  
We'll never put them back together again

For all those who ride, they won't be denied  
For we all have rode the Desperation Train

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