

Gaither Drake "Dear Amtrak"

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My wife and I were planning a romantic spring vacation
I must admit the concept came from my own instigation
Knowing that my honey was afraid to take a plane
I said "Let's go to Portland on the Coastal Starlight
Train"

We drove to San Francisco, took the bus to Emeryville
Caught the train to Sacramento, that's where
everything stood still...

At two a.m. they woke us up to say we'd all be bussing
We tried to get some sleep amid the crying and the
cussing
The bus rolled into Klamath Falls at 8:15 a.m.
And a mere two hours later we was down the track
again

Dear Amtrak Â– I want my money back
If I ever get off of this train, I a'int never gonna get
back on again
Your railroad is the shits - they got better service on the
way to Auschwitz
Oh yeah; oh yeah

The conductor was the biggest jerk I'd met in all my life
The waitresses were meaner than my nastiest ex-wife
The glossy brochure told us that the food was fresh
and hardy
But it tasted just like leftovers from the Donner Party
The mattresses were paper thin, the bed just two feet
deep
But it doesn't really matter 'cuz they never let you sleep

Dear Amtrak Â– I want my money back
If I ever get off of this train, I a'int never gonna get
back on again
And now you done closed the bar, I coulda got better
service on a cattle car
Oh yeah; oh yeah

On the way back home from Portland the engine
suddenly stopped
Like a scene from a Wes Craven film right before they

all get chopped
The power died, the lights went off and everything
went black
By that time I was certain we was never getting back
A voice came on the speaker just to tell us what's the
scoop
You can't eat and you can't drink and you can't pee and
you can't poop

Dear Amtrak Â– I want my money back
I must've been quite insane, to think about riding on a
railroad train
If you know what's good for you, just stay home and
have yourself a BBQ
Oh yeah; oh yeah

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