

## Hank Snow "Engineer's Child"

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A little child on a sickbed lay  
And death was very near  
She was the pride and only child  
Of a railroad engineer.

His duty had called him from those he loved  
And seeing that hope was dim  
While a tear he she'd to his wife he said  
Just have two lanterns trimmed.

Just hang a light as I pass tonight  
Hang it where it can be seen  
If our baby's dead just show the red  
If she's better then show the green.

--- Instrumental ---

In a little house by the railroad track  
A mother with watchful eyes  
Saw a gleam of hope and a feeble smile  
As the train went rushing by.

Just one short look was his only chance  
To see the light a gleam  
In the midnight air there arose a prayer  
Thank God they shown green.

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If she's better then show the green...

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