

Holly Williams

"Railroads"

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Well I used to pray to Jesus but I done backslid
Carrying the burdens of a preacher's kid
Drinking at the pulpit and healing them lame
Daddy was a-riding on the old death train

I had me a woman but she took my kid
When I gambled all our money on a moonshine still
Now I drink my whiskey from a beat up flask
This train done departed and it's goin' fast

Oh the wheels, they spin, they're faster than a
Speeding aeroplane on a sunny day
And I can't break free cause I can't believe it's me
So I'll take your bets, I'll try me walking down a
Narrow line with a life like mine
And you'll never see any boy as brave as me
Yeah I hope that this old railroad delivers me

I'm still the talk of this town, I'm still the roll of
Their dice
I found me a lover in a whorehouse wife
She never knew her mama or the money I've known
Don't ever make a judgement if you ain't been shown

You never walked in my shoes, you never understood
Why I was escaping anyway that I could
Nobody knows I'm gonna ride these rails
'Til the dark comes over this prison cell

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Well, the truth came out and the church burned down
Daddy's heart stopped on the edge of this town
I'm out here searching for that boy of my own
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