

## **Jim White**

### **"Take Me Away"**

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That's how they found him  
He was howling at the moon  
He's sitting right there on the railway tracks  
And the train was coming

There was a string of wild flowers  
Draped around his collar  
And when he saw the men were coming for him  
Well, he began to holler

He cried, "Take me away, take me away"  
But the men could not be sure  
If he was talking to them or talking to the oncoming  
train

Now his mama she watched religion on the TV  
Each day from dawn to dusk  
And at night when she'd hear him howling  
Well, she'd cried to Jesus

For years she begged the Sweet Redeemer  
To heal her crazy son  
Until finally she just gave up on miracles  
And called the men to come

She told them, "Take him away, take my son away  
'Cause after 20 long years  
I've simply run out prayers to pray"

But as he stood to fight the men  
From the other side of the railway bed  
He thought he heard the calling voice  
Of an old friend he thought long dead

But when he turned away from the men  
He found it was a stranger calling him  
And as if he knew that man  
He smiled and raised his hand

As he stepped into the golden sun  
Of the headlight of the oncoming train  
And as he did he locked eyes with that stranger

He cried out one last time  
He cried, "Take me away, please, take me away"

And to this day in this little town  
Not a soul knows what he was trying to say  
All them years of shouting take me away  
No, no one knows what he was trying to say  
Or who that stranger was

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