

## Jimmy Cozier

### "Big Railroad Man"

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The birthday party was over toys were scattered here  
and there  
Seven candles lay by the last piece of cake in front of  
an empty chair  
A mother said son I know you're disappointed but  
please try to understand  
Your daddy's been awfully busy because you see he's a  
very big railroad man  
So you go on to sleep now she kissed him turned out  
the light  
But moments later a window opened and this little boy  
slipped out into the night  
He was on his way to the depot the express wasn't due  
till ten  
But who knows it might run a special if daddy's comin'  
in  
That mighty scream of the 9:15 wripped through the  
winter night  
And the whirl of the wheels and the clang of the steel  
Seemed that jarred the country side  
It was a southbound freight and it was runnin' late tryin'  
hard to make up time  
When a great big man with a sack in his hand bound  
off that train like a lion  
He hit the road like an old pro then he got up off the  
ground  
Brushed the snow from off his grimy clothes  
And he said hey kid what's the name of this town  
The frightened boy said Grandville sir and the man  
said well what do you know  
I used to live in this little ol' one horse town bout six or  
seven years ago  
I told my wife when I left here that I was coming back in  
style  
Ha oh well anyway I'm back I guess I might as well visit  
for awhile  
So if you'll be so kind as to point the way to the Joneses  
Well I'll go now and leave you be  
And the young boy said the only Joneses that live  
around here sir  
Is my mama and my daddy and me

Of course dad's been gone for a long time now  
Course now he don't want to be ye understand  
It's just that my daddy's got lotta important things to do  
You see sir he's a very big railroad man  
Oh he sends me birthday presents and mama reads  
me what he writes  
In his last letter daddy promised that he was gonna try  
and make it home tonight  
The man scratched the side of his head and said  
Grandville Grandville I thought you said Denville  
Oh well it's a kida natural mistake  
Now if you'll just point the way to the depot  
I'm gonna be checkin' in on the fast freight  
I'll tell you what you do oh boy you run on home now  
You tell your mom to go ahead and fix up your daddy's  
room  
Cause I've got the strangest feeling  
That your dad just might become home pretty soon

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