

## John Denver

# "The Little Engine That Could"

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This song was first released on the All Aboard! album.  
It is the only album it has been released on.

There was a little railroad train with loads and loads of  
toys

All starting out to find a home with little girls and boys  
And as that little railroad train began to chug along  
The little engine up in front was heard to sing this song  
Choo, choo, choo, choo

Choo, choo, choo, choo

I feel so good today

Oh hear the track

Oh clickety clack

I can't go my merry way

The little train went rousing on so fast it seemed to fly  
Until it reached a mountain that went almost to the sky  
The Little engine moaned and groaned and huffed and  
puffed away

But halfway to the top it just gave up and seemed to  
say

I can't go

I can't go

I'm weary as can be

I can't go

I can't go

This job is not for me

The toys got out to push but all in vain alas alack  
And then a great big engine came a whistling down the  
track

They asked if it would kindly pull them up the mountain  
side

But with a high and mighty sneer it scornfully replied

Don't bother me

Don't bother me

To pull the likes of you

Don't bother me

Don't bother me

I've better things to do

The toys all started crying 'cause that engine  
was so mean

And then there came another one, the smallest ever  
seen  
And though it seemed that she could hardly pull  
herself along  
She hitched on to the train and as she pulled she sang  
this song  
I think I can  
I think I can  
I think I have a plan  
And I can do most anything  
If I only think I can

Then up that great big mountain with the cars all full of  
toys  
And soon they reached the waiting arms of little girls  
and boy  
And though that ends the story it will do you lots of  
good  
To take a lesson from the little engine that could  
Just think you can  
Just think you can  
Just have that understood  
And very soon you'll start to say  
I always knew I could  
I knew I could  
I knew I could  
I knew I could  
I knew I could  
I knew I could  
I knew I could, yeah!

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