

Johnny Mercer

"On The Atchison, Topeka, And Santa Fe"

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On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe
Bing Crosby
Words by Johnny Mercer, music by Harry Warren

"On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe" was introduced by Judy Garland in the 1945 MGM film "The Harvey Girls". The song won an Oscar. It was also a big hit for Bing Crosby who recorded it Feb. 17, 1944, although the recording was not released until June 1945. But Johnny Mercer's recording was the biggest hit. It reached #1 in the summer of 1945. The following lyrics were transcribed from the Bing Crosby recording.

Do you hear that whistle down the line
I figure that it's engine number forty-nine
She's the only one that'll sound that way
On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe

See the old smoke risin' 'round the bend
I reckon that she knows she's gonna meet a friend
Folks around these parts get the time of day
From the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe

Here she comes, woo-oo-woo-oo-woo-oo-woo-oo-woo-
woo
Hey Jim, you better get out the rig, woo-oo-woo-oo-woo-
oo-woo-oo-woo-woo
She's got a list of passengers that's pretty big

And they'll all want lifts to Brown's Hotel
'Cause lots of them been travellin' for quite a spell
All the way from Philadelphia
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----- instrumental break -----

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The good old A.T. and the Santa Fe

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