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# **"The Silverton"**

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She was born one mornin' on a San Juan summer  
Back in eighteen and eighty and one  
She was a beautiful daughter of the D and R G  
And she weighed about a thousand ton

Well, it's a-forty-five mile through the Animas canyon  
So they set her on the narra gauge  
She drank a whole lot a' water  
And she ate a lot of coal  
And they called her the Silverton (Silverton train)

[Chorus]

Here comes the Silverton, up from Durango  
Here comes the Silverton, a-shovelin' coal  
Here comes the Silverton, up from the canyon  
See the smoke and hear the whistle blow

Well, now listen to the whistle in the Rock Wood cut  
On the high line to Silverton town  
And you're gonna get a shiver  
When you check out the river  
Which is four hundred feet straight down

Take on some water at the Needleton tank  
And then a-struggle up a two-five grade  
And by the time you get your hide  
Past the Snowshed slide  
You've had a ride on the Silverton (Silverton train)

[Chorus]

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Here comes the Silverton, a-shovelin' coal  
Here comes the Silverton, up from the canyon  
See the smoke and hear the whistle blow

[Musical interlude here. Nice violins, and the kettle  
drums boom well.]

[Chorus]

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[If the next line seems a bit familiar, you're correct.  
Chug-chug, toot-toot, off we go.]

Now, down by the station, early in the mornin'  
There's a whole lot a' people in line  
And they all got a ticket  
On The Train To Yesterday  
And it's a-gonna leave on time

Well, it's a forty-five mile up the Animas canyon  
So they run her on the narra gauge  
She takes a whole lot a' water  
And she needs a lot of coal  
And they call her the Silverton (Silverton train)

[Chorus]  
Here comes the Silverton, up from Durango  
Here comes the Silverton, a-shovelin' coal  
Here comes the Silverton, up from the canyon  
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[Fade out]  
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