

## **Screamin' Jay Hawkins "Whistlin' Past The Graveyard"**

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Coming on the night train  
With an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
Busted up a chifforobe  
Way out by the cocomo  
Cooked up a mess a mulligan  
And got into a fight

Whistlin' past the graveyard  
Steppin' on a crack  
I'm a mean motherhubbard  
Papa one eyes jack

You probably seen me sleepin'  
Out by the railroad tracks  
Ask the prince of darkness  
About all the smoke  
Come from the stack  
Sometimes I kill a jackal  
And suck out all the blood  
Steal myself a station-wagon  
Drivin' through the mud

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Papa one eyed jack

I know you've seen my headlights  
And the honkin' of my horn  
I'm callin' out my bloodhounds  
Chase the devil out the corn  
Last night I chugged the Mississippi  
Now it's dry as a bone  
I was born in a taxi cab  
I ain't never goin' home

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My eyes have seen the glory  
Of the drainin' of the ditch  
I'm comin' to baton rouge  
To find myself a witch  
I'm gonna switch me up a  
Couple of 'em every time it rains  
You gotta see a locomotive  
Probably thinkin' it's a train

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What you think is sunshine  
Is just a twinkle in my eye  
I got a ring around my fingers  
Called the 4th of July  
When I get lonesome  
And a tear falls from my check  
There's gonna be an ocean in  
The middle of the week

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I come in on the night train  
With an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
I'm gonna tear off a rainbow  
And wear it for a tie  
I never told the truth  
So honey how can I tell a lie

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