

## **Evan Westerlund**

### **"Ghost Riders"**

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He sat down right in front of me, and I said  
It looks like you got a story to tell  
He offered up a friendly smile  
Said I'm just a ghost rider on this train  
So I pressed him just a little bit harder  
There's got to be more to it than that  
He said, son I was there in '45  
When my mother was burned  
And my sister was shot in the back

[Chorus]

It had started with a rumor  
Then it happened fast  
Were shuffled into box cars  
And rolled on down the track  
There was nothing we could do  
Just roll across the plains  
We were all just ghost riders  
Ghost riders on a train

As he turned to watch the fields roll by  
I saw a single tear reflect off the glass  
And for a while he disappeared  
To a distant rainy night  
Then he came right back  
I didn't know what to say or do  
But he pressed on, there's more to it than that  
I can still feel the cuts from the barbed-wire fence  
Taste the taste of fear  
And smell the smell of the rats

[Chorus]

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When I stood with him outside the gates  
Some three hundred-fifty miles southeast of Berlin  
A wicked wind blew from the west  
And a chill rippled up under my skin  
He closed his eyes and asked dear God  
What the hell was the sense of all of this  
Was it all part of your grand design  
Or just a speck in time  
Something that you missed

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