

## Thea Gilmore "Whistle and Steam"

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It's been a long time since I've seen you  
Just like this face to face  
And I know I should have called you  
But I had another ghost to chase  
Should've read your letters  
Should've found out how you'd been  
But the truth is there was no escape  
The call of whistle and steam  
Of whistle and steam

There's a man down at the station  
On a newspaper bed  
"I just need some kind of salvation  
Before I die" he said  
But honey we're just passers-by  
In another leaving scene  
You and I are locked in tight  
To the call of whistle and steam  
Of whistle and steam  
Of whistle and steam

It's the sleepers and the steel  
Or the black-root and the vine  
But my place is the space between  
The past and the horizon line

Can you hear that old horn blowin'  
Every time you close your eyes?  
And behind every bolted door  
Is there a voice you recognise?  
Singing prayers, singing curses  
Singing all about the dream  
To everyone caught in the headlights  
Caught in the whistle and steam  
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