

Monkey and the Engineer. (Grateful Dead version. 1980) (Jess Fuller 1961)

Intro lick to G

Verse 1:

G C G
Once upon a time there was an engineer

G A7 D
who drove a locomotive both far and near

G C
Accompanied by a monkey who would sit on a stool

G A7 D G
watching everything the engineer would do

G C G
One day the engineer wanted a bite to eat

G A7 D
he left the monkey sittin' on the driver's seat

G C
monkey pulled the throttle, locomotive jumped the gun

G A7 D G
and did ninety miles an hour down the main line run

Chorus:

G C G
Big Locomotive, right on time

G A7 D
big locomotive coming down the line

G C
big locomotive number ninety nine

G A7 D G
left the engineer with a worried mind (Intro lick to G)

G C G
The Engineer called up the dispatcher on the phone

G A7 D
to tell him all about his locomotive was gone

G C
dispatcher on the wire, switch operator to write

G A7 D G
'cause the monkey's got the main line sewed up tight

G C G
Switch operator got the message in time

G A7 D
said there's a northbound livin' on the same main line

G C
Open up the switch I'm gonna let him through the hole

G A7 D. G
cause the monkey's got the locomotive under control

Chorus:

G C G
Big Locomotive, right on time

G A7 D
big locomotive coming down the line

G C
big locomotive number ninety nine

G A7 D. G
left the engineer with a worried mind (Intro lick to G)

Instrumental: Repeat Verse

Repeat Chorus, then. Repeat last line 3 x's, then end with lick

G A7 D7 G
left the engineer with a worried mind (Intro lick end on G)