



# The Ballad of Casey Jones

140-155-160-180 bpm

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Lost Jim: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db4hhNdSEDI> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taAoWI8iH8M> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uf0J9xWNG7M>

Jerry JGB: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmK27qUnNjk> Dead 1970: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA1CHtUDRe0>

Dead 5/15/70: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMhEAIS4KTg>

Garcia & Grissman: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wry9XwMUJwI>

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| <p>G<br/>Casey Jones was a<br/>C            G<br/>brave engi-neer He<br/>told his fireman<br/>A     D<br/>not to fear He said,<br/>G                            C                            G<br/>"All I want, is my water and my coal<br/>Look out the window, see my<br/>drive wheels roll"</p> <p>Early one mornin' it was<br/>drizzlin' rain<br/>'Round the curve come a<br/>passenger train<br/>In the cabin stood Casey Jones He's a<br/>great engineer, but he's dead and gone</p> <p>[Once around]</p> | <p>Casey's wife, when she<br/>heard the news<br/>Sittin' on the bedside,<br/>lacin' up her shoes She said,<br/>"Children, children, hold your breath<br/>You're gonna draw a pension at your<br/>daddy's death"</p> <p>"Children, children, take your hat"<br/>"Tell us, Mama, what do you mean by that?"<br/>"Get your hat, put it on your head<br/>Goin' down to town, see your daddy's dead"</p> <p>[Once around with "Jerry Break"]</p> <p>Now Casey said, just be-<br/>-fore he died "Fix the blinds so the<br/>bums can't ride And<br/>if they ride, let 'em<br/>ride the rods<br/>Put their trust in the hands of God"</p> | <p>Now Casey said, before he died<br/>"Two more roads<br/>that I wants to ride" People said, "Tell<br/>us Casey, what road can they be?" "The<br/>old Colorado and the<br/>Santa Fe"</p> <p>[Once around]</p> <p>Casey Jones was a brave engineer He<br/>told his fireman to not to fear He said,<br/>"All I want, is my water and my coal<br/>Look out the window, see my<br/>drive wheels roll<br/>Look out the window, see my<br/>drive wheels roll"</p> |
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## "Jerry Break"

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| -6/7---6/7---6/7---3-1--- | -0-----0----- | -3----- | -----0- | -3-0----- | -0----- | ---3---3---0--- | -3----- |  
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| --- | ---7-5----- | ----- | ----- |  
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 | -5/ | -6-----7----- | -7----- | ----- |  
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 | --- | -----9\7-5- | ---G----- |  
 | -A-to-D-Lick----- | ----- | -7\3- |



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| <p><b>A with D hammer</b></p> <pre>  -3-----0- -3----- -5---5---3- -0h2-----2---   -----3--- ----- ----- -----3-----   -G---0----- -----0----- ----- -----   ---0-----0- ---0-----0--- ---2-----2- ---0-----0-   ----- -----2----- -0-----0- -0-----   -3-----3----- -3----- -A----- ------2-----  </pre> | <pre>  ---0-----0- -0----- -----5-----2- -D-----   -----3--- ----- ----- -----3-----   ----- ----- ---2-----2--- -----   ---0-----0- ---0-----0- ---2-----2- ---0-----0-   ----- -----2----- -0-----0- -----0-----   -3---3----- -3----- -A----- ------2-----  </pre> |
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| <p><b>Triplet to the C</b></p> <pre>  -3-----0-3- -----1-----   -----3--- -----   -G---0----- -----0-   ---0-----0--- ---0-----0h2---   ----- -----2-----   -3-----3----- -3-----  </pre>            | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Staggering C</b></p> <pre>  -0---0-----0-   -0-----0-----   -----3---   ------1-3-----1-   -----   ------   ---2-----0-   -2-----2---   -3-----   -3-----   -----3-----   ------3-----  </pre> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Extra C</b></p> <pre>  -0-----0-----   -----1-3-----1-   -----   ---2-----2---   -3-----   -----3-----  </pre> </td> </tr> </table> | <p><b>Staggering C</b></p> <pre>  -0---0-----0-   -0-----0-----   -----3---   ------1-3-----1-   -----   ------   ---2-----0-   -2-----2---   -3-----   -3-----   -----3-----   ------3-----  </pre> | <p><b>Extra C</b></p> <pre>  -0-----0-----   -----1-3-----1-   -----   ---2-----2---   -3-----   -----3-----  </pre> | <p><b>Another ending</b></p> <pre>  ---3-----3---0---   -3---3-----   -----0---0---0-   ------   -G-----   ------   ---0-----0---   -0-----0-   -----   ------2---   -3-----3-----   -3-----  </pre> |
| <p><b>Staggering C</b></p> <pre>  -0---0-----0-   -0-----0-----   -----3---   ------1-3-----1-   -----   ------   ---2-----0-   -2-----2---   -3-----   -3-----   -----3-----   ------3-----  </pre> | <p><b>Extra C</b></p> <pre>  -0-----0-----   -----1-3-----1-   -----   ---2-----2---   -3-----   -----3-----  </pre>   |  |  |  |

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| <p><b>Another turn-around</b></p> <pre>  -----0- -3-0----- -0-----   ---3---3---0---   -3-----   ---0---3---   -----3-0---   ---0---0---   -----3---0-   ------   ---3-----   -----3---   -0-----   -----   ---0-----0-   ---0-----0-   ---0-----0-   ---0-----0-   ---0---0-   -----   -----   -----   -----2---   -3-----3---   -3---3---   -3---3---   -3-----3---   -3-----  </pre> | <p><b>Jerry C</b></p> <pre>  -0---0-----0-   -----3---   -----   ---2-----2-   -3-----   -----3-----  </pre> |
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On April 30, 1900, Jones volunteered to work a double shift to cover for a fellow engineer who was ill. Sam Webb, a fireman for Illinois Central, accompanied Jones. The train was running more than an hour and a half behind, and Jones, determined to arrive as scheduled, ran the steam locomotive at speeds nearing 100 miles per hour in an effort to make up the time. As Jones took a turn into Vaughan, Mississippi, Webb warned him that there was another train parked on the tracks ahead of them. As quickly as he could, Jones grabbed the brake with one hand and pulled the whistle with the other to warn those around the train. Jones told Webb to jump to safety, all the while still trying to slow the train. The collision was brutal. All passengers on the train survived, with the exception of Casey Jones, who was struck in the throat while still holding one hand on the brake and one hand on the whistle.