

CASEY JONES

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Tune: "Casey Jones, the Engineer"

At a moderate tempo

1. The work-ers on the S. P. line to strike sent out a call, But
2. The work-ers said to Ca-sey "Won't you help us win this strike?" But

Ca - sey Jones, the en - gi - neer, he would - n't strike at all. His
Ca - sey said, "Let me a - lone; you'd bet - ter take a hike." Then

boil - er, it was leak - ing and its driv - ers on the bum, And his
some one put a bunch of rail - road ties a - cross the track, And

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en - gine and its bear - ings they were all out of plumb. Ca-sey Jones
Ca - sey hit the riv - er with an aw - ful crack. Ca-sey Jones

kept his junk pile running; Ca-sey Jones was work-ing dou-ble time. Ca-sey Jones
hit the riv-er bot-tom; Ca-sey Jones broke his blooming spine. Ca-sey Jones

got a wood-en med-al for be - ing good and faith-ful on the S. P. line.
was an An - ge - le - no; he took a trip to heav - en on the S. P. line.

3. When Casey Jones got up to heaven to the Pearly Gate,
He said: "I'm Casey Jones, the guy that pulled the S. P. freight."
"You're just the man," said Peter, "our musicians went on strike,
You can get a job a-scabbing any time you like?"

Refrain

Casey Jones got a job in heaven,
Casey Jones was doing mighty fine;
Casey Jones went scabbing on the angels,
Just like he did to workers on the S. P. line.

4. The angels got together, and they said it wasn't fair
For Casey Jones to go around a-scabbing everywhere.
The Angels' Union No. 23, they sure were there,
And they promptly fired Casey down the Golden Stair.

Refrain

Casey Jones went to hell a-flying.
"Casey Jones!" the devil said "Oh, fine,
Casey Jones, get busy shovelling sulphur,
That's what you get for scabbing on the S. P. line."