# **Casey Jones**

w. Joe Hill 1911



[F] The Workers on the S. P. line to strike sent out a call; But Casey Jones, the engineer, he [G7] wouldn't strike at [C] all; His [F] boiler it was leaking, and its drivers on the bum, And his engine and its bearings, they were [C] all out of [F] plumb.

## Chorus 1:

[F] Casey Jones kept his junk pile running;
 Casey Jones was working [G7] double [C] time;
 [F] Casey Jones got a wooden medal,
 For being good and faithful on the [C] S. P. [F] line.

[F] The workers said to Casey: "Won't you help us win this strike?" But Casey said: "Leave me alone, you'd [G7] better take a [C] hike." Then [F] Casey's wheezy engine ran right off the wornout track, And Casey hit the river with an [C] awful [F] crack.

### Chorus 2:

[F] Casey Jones hit the river bottom;Casey Jones broke his [G7] blooming [C] spine;[F] Casey Jones was an Angelino,He took a trip to heaven on the [C] S. P. [F] line.

Instrumental Break: Chorus

[F] Casey Jones hit the river bottom;Casey Jones broke his [G7] blooming [C] spine;[F] Casey Jones was an Angelino,He took a trip to heaven on the [C] S. P. [F] line.

[F] When Casey Jones got up to heaven, to the Pearly Gate, He said: "I'm Casey Jones, the guy that [G7] pulled the S. P. [C] freight." "You're [F] just the man," said Peter, "our musicians went on strike; You can get a job a-scabbing any [C] time you [F] like."

#### Chorus 3:

[F] Casey Jones got a job in heaven;
Casey Jones was [G7] doing mighty [C] fine;
[F] Casey Jones went scabbing on the angels,
Just like he did to workers on the [C] S. P. [F] line.

[F] The angels got together, and they said it wasn't fair, For Casey Jones to go around a-[G7]-scabbing every-[C]-where. The [F] Angels' Union No. 23, they sure were there, And they promptly fired Casey down the [C] Golden [F] Stair.

## Chorus 4:

[F] Casey Jones went to Hell a-flying;
"Casey Jones," the [G7] Devil said, "Oh [C] fine:
[F] Casey Jones, get busy shoveling sulfur;
That's what you get for scabbing on the [C] S. P. [F] Line."

Instrumental Tag: Chorus
[F] Casey Jones hit the river bottom;
Casey Jones broke his [G7] blooming [C] spine;
[F] Casey Jones was an Angelino,
He took a trip to heaven on the [C] S. P. [F] line.