

Casey Jones (C)

(Wallace Saunders, Eddie Newton & Seibert T. Lawrence, 1909)
TV Theme Lyrics (Author Unknown) – [Casey Jones Opening and Closing Theme](#)

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Stop, look, listen, 'cause you're gonna hear

C D7

A brand new story 'bout a great engineer

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He's the greatest of 'em all, we claim

D7 G

Number one's his engine, Casey Jones' his name

Chorus

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D

Casey Jones, steamin' and a-rollin'

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D

Casey Jones, you never have to guess

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When you hear the tootin' of the whistle

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D

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It's Casey at the throttle of the Cannonball Express

G

So long for now, we'll be seeing you when

C D7

Casey comes a-rollin' by again

G

With a steamin' boiler and a smokin' stack

D7 G

And the wheels strikin' thunder on the railroad track

G

There'll be Casey Junior and the Red Rock, too

C

D7

Wallie Cinders and the rest of the crew

G

In a thrilling adventure that's a lot of fun

D7 G

When Casey takes the throttle for another run. **Chorus**

John Luther "Casey" Jones (March 14, 1863 – April 30, 1900) was an engineer for the Illinois Central Railroad who was killed when his passenger train collided with a stalled freight train at Vaughan, Mississippi. He was driving the powerful Engine No. 382, known as "Cannonball", on passenger service between Memphis and Canton, MS, one link of a four-train, high-speed run between Chicago and New Orleans.

When the lights on the caboose of the stalled freight train were spotted, Jones ordered his fireman to jump, then reversed the throttle and slammed the air brakes into emergency stop, but the engine plowed through several loaded freight cars before derailing. He had been able to reduce his speed from 75 miles per hour to about 40 miles per hour before the impact. His exceptional skill at slowing the engine saved the lives of his passengers at the cost of his own. [Casey Jones](#), Wikipedia.

The song "The City of New Orleans" was also about the Illinois Central's Chicago to New Orleans service.

