Casey Jones (C)

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

G Stop, look, listen, 'cause you're gonna hear
C D7
A brand new story 'bout a great engineer G
He's the greatest of 'em all, we claim
Number one's his engine, Casey Jones' his name
Chorus
G D
Casey Jones, steamin' and a-rollin' G D
Casey Jones, you never have to guess
G D
When you hear the tootin' of the whistle
G D G
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. <mark>Chorus</mark>
John Luther "Coocy" Jones (March 14, 1962 April 20, 1000) was a

ohn 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. <u>Casey Jones</u>, Wikipedia.

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

The Ballad of Casey Jones (G)
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Johnny Cash Version – <u>Casey Jones</u> by Johnny Cash (Official Audio)

G	G
Come, all you rounders, if you want to hear C D7	Well Jones said fireman now don't you fret, C D7
The story told of a brave engineer; G	Sam Webb said "We ain't a-giving up yet, G
Casey Jones was the roller's name D7 G	We're eight hours late with the southbound mail, D7 G
On a 68 wheeler course he rode to fame	We'll be on time or we're leaving the rails."
G	Chorus
Caller called Casey bout half past four, C D7	G Dead on the rail was a passenger train,
He kissed his wife at the station door. G	C D7 Blood was a boiling in Casey's brain.
He climbed in the cabin with his orders in his	G
hand, D7 G	Casey said "Hey now look out ahead, D7 G
Said this is the trip to the Promised Land.	Jump, Sam, jump or we'll all be dead."
Chorus G D Casey Jones, climbed in the cabin, G D Casey Jones, orders in his hand, G D Casey Jones, leaning out the window, G D G Making a trip to the Promised Land.	G With a hand on a whistle and a hand on a brake, C D7 North Mississippi was wide awake. G I see railroad official said, D7 G "He's a good engineer to be a-lying dead." Chorus
G Through South Memphis Yards on a fly,	G
C D7 Rain been a falling and the water was high. G Everybody knew by the engine's moan, D7 G	Headaches and heartaches and all kinds of pain, C D7 All the part of a railroad train. G
That the man at the throttle was Casey Jones.	Sweat and toil the good and the grand, D7 G Are part of the life of a railroad man. Chorus
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