Travelling By Steam
Fairport Convention

[Intro]
D G D G D A

[Verse]
      D
With a steady hand on the lever
     G   **A**
And the signal ready to pass
           G   **F#m**
Keep the light burning, fireman
     G   **A**
And the water, well up in the glass

[Verse]
      D
With a shoulder to the rail
       G   **A**
There s no better place to be
     D   **G**
Than the right side of the footplate
       A   **D**
When you re travelling by steam

[Chorus]
G **A**   **D**   **G**   **A**
Stand in the bight, look for the green light
G   **D**   **Em**   **A**
Voices that echo and ring down the line
G **A**   **D**   **G** **A**
One load to shed, then homeward we tread
   G   **D**   **A** **D**   **G**
Till morning and the coal-boy come singing

[Verse]
   D
Me granddaddy worked in the railway
  G   **A**
A bigwig, so I ve heard talk
  G   **F#m**
Me father, he was a driver
G   **A**
Travelling pit to port

[Verse]
       D
And there s no better life for a young man
   G   **A**

With them you must agree
             D   G
When you re right side of the footplate
            A   D
And you re travelling by steam

[Chorus]
G   A   D   G   A
Stand in the bight, look for the green light
G   D   Em   A
Voices that echo and ring down the line
G   A   D   G   A
One load to shed, then homeward we tread
      G   D   A   D   G
Till morning and the coal-boy come singing

[Verse]
   D
Tomorrow it s off up to Banbury
   G   A
A lodging turn for me
            G   F#m
Where I can lay me head on a pillow
      G   A
In a room where I can sleep

[Verse]
         D
And it s up and away in the morning
      G   A
And wipe the clock-face clean
           D   G
And you re right side of the footplate
            A   D
And you re travelling by steam

[Chorus]
G   A   D   G   A
Stand in the bight, look for the green light
G   D   Em   A
Voices that echo and ring down the line
G   A   D   G   A
One load to shed, then homeward we tread
      G   D   A   D   G   D
Till morning and the coal-boy come singing

[Verse]
     D
So pick up yer traps and yer Tommy-box
      G   A
We re reaching the end of the line
         G   F#m
Keep yer eye on your watch, lad

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        G                     A
We ll bring her in on time


[Verse]
          D
And it could have been life on the dole queue
     G                         A
Or mining for coal at the seam
             D                 G
But you re right side of the footplate
             A             D
And you re travelling by steam


[Chorus]
G      A      D                      G      A
Stand in the bight, look for the green light
G           D         Em            A
Voices that echo and ring down the line
G    A      D                      G    A
One load to shed, then homeward we tread
       G             D             A     D     G A D
Till morning and the coal-boy come singing


[Outro]
G   C D G C D G   x4
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