

**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

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