

Engine

Neutral Milk Hotel

This is a favorite, I m glad I can contribute it for the benefit of others because it s been a simple but satisfying song to play. There are a couple recordings of this song and Jeff Mangum sings different lyrics for some of the lines but the chords are the same.

[Intro]

G-A-C

It s the same three chords repeated throughout, he holds the C chord in a couple places.

[Verse]

G	A	C	G
For I	am an engine	and I m	rolling on
	A	C	G
the world	is all bending	and breaking	from me
(or:through	endless revision	to say what	I mean)
	A	C	G
for sweetness	alone who flew	out through	the window
A	C	G	
and landed	back home	in a garden	of green

[Instrumental]

A	C	G
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[Chorus]

A	C	G	
you re riding	alone in the	back of a	steamer
	A	C	G
and steaming	yourself in	the warm	shower spray
	A	C	G
and water	rolls on off	the round	captains belly
	A	C	G
who s talking	to tigers	from his	cafeteria tray

[Instrumental]

A

C

G

[Outro Chorus]

A

C

G

and your sweet babies cry for the cool taste of milking

A

C

G

that milky delight that invited us all

A

C

G

and if there s a taste in this life more inviting

A

C

G

than wake up your windows and watch as those sweet babies crawl

A

C

G

A

C

G

awaaaay yeah mmm mmm mmm dee dee dee dee dee dee dee dee

A

C

G

A

C

G