

# Freight Train Peter Paul and Mary

Freight train freight train goin' so fast  
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Please don't tell what train I'm on  
So they won't know where I've gone.

Freight train, freight train, comin' round the bend  
Freight train, freight train, gone again  
One of these days turn that train around  
Go back to my hometown.

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Please don't tell what train I'm on  
So they won't know where I've gone.

One more place I'd like to be  
One more place I'd love to see  
To watch those old blue ridge mountains climb  
As I ride ol' number nine.

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Freight train freight train goin' so fast  
Please don't tell what train I'm on  
So they won't know where I've gone.

When I die please bury me deep  
Down at the end of Bleecker street  
So I can hear ol' number nine  
As she goes rollin' by.

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"**Freight Train**" is an American folk song written by [Elizabeth Cotten](#) in the early 20th century, and popularized during the [American folk revival](#) and British [skiffle](#)<sup>[1]</sup> period of the 1950s and 1960s. By Cotten's own account in the 1985 [BBC](#) series *Down Home*, she composed "Freight Train" as a teenager (sometime between 1906 and 1912), inspired by the sound of the trains rolling in on the tracks near her home in [North Carolina](#)