

# Dead Man's Handle

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Keep your weight on the dead man's handle  
Or the wheels won't hold the rail  
Keep your weight on the dead man's handle  
Or the steam brake's bound to fail  
She'll jump boys and she'll slip  
If your hand should lose it's grip  
On the dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
Keep your mind on the journey's end  
Remember all of your skills and learning  
Gonna need them now  
Remember all of your words of warning  
Gonna need them now  
There's just one bridge left to cross  
Keep her moving or the day is lost  
The dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
Keep your mind on the journey's end  
Look down, look down, look down  
The valley is burning, fire without end  
Look down, look down, look down  
And you'll never get back on the tracks again  
Keep your weight on the dead man's handle  
Till you see that the day is won  
Too many's the foolish man who's fallen  
'Cause he jumped the gun  
See ahead, your brother stands  
Ease the brake, stretch out your hand  
The dead man's handle  
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The dead man's handle  
Keep your mind on the journey's end  
Keep your weight on the dead man's handle  
Or the wheels won't hold the rail  
Keep your weight on the dead man's handle  
Or the steam brake's bound to fail  
Oh, she'll jump boys and she'll slip  
If your hand should lose it's grip  
On the dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
The dead man's handle  
Keep your mind on the journey's end  
Ah, keep your mind on the journey's end