

# Whistlin' Past the Graveyard

Tom Waits

Well I come in on a night train  
With an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
And I busted up a chifforobe  
Way out by the cocomo  
Cooked up a mess a mulligan  
And got into a fight

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Im a mean motherhubbard  
Papa one eyed jack

You propably seen me sleepin  
Out by the railroad tracks  
Go on and ask the prince of darkness  
What about all thet smoke  
Come from the stack  
Sometimes I kill myself a jacket  
Suck out all the blood  
Steal myself a stationwagon  
Drivin through the mud

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I know you seen my headlights  
And the honkin of my horn  
Im callin out my bloodhounds  
Chase the devil through the corn  
Last night I chugged the mississippi  
Now that suckers dry as a bone  
Born in a taxi cab  
Im never comin home

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My eyes have seen the glory  
Of the draining of the ditch  
I only come to baton rouge  
To find myself a witch  
Im-ona snatch me up a  
Couple of em every time it rains  
You see a locomotive  
Probably thinkin its a train

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What you think is the sunshine  
Is just a twinkle in my eye  
That ring around my fingers  
Just the 4th of july  
When I get a little bit lonesome  
And a tear falls from my cheek  
Theres gonna be an ocean in  
The middle of the week

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I rode into town on a night train  
With an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie  
Cross a hooligan night  
Im-ona tear me off a rainbow  
And wear it for a tie  
I never told the truth  
So I can never tell a lie

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