

## Get Off the Track

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The Anti-Slavery Harp, Wm W. Brown 1848

Ho! the car Emancipation  
Rides majestic thro' our nation,  
Bearing on its train the story,  
Liberty! a nation's glory.  
Roll it along, thro' the nation  
Freedom's car, Emancipation!  
Roll it along, thro' the nation  
Freedom's car, Emancipation!

All true friends of Emancipation,  
Haste to Freedom's railroad station;  
Now again the bell is tolling,  
Soon you'll see the car-wheels rolling;  
Wood up the fire! keep it flashing,  
While the train goes onward dashing.  
Wood up the fire! keep it flashing,  
While the train goes onward dashing.

Men of various predilections,  
Frightened, run in all directions;  
Merchants, editors, physicians,  
Lawyers, priests, and politicians.  
Get out of the way! every station!  
Clear the track of 'mancipation!  
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Clear the track of 'mancipation!

Let the ministers and churches  
Leave behind sectarian lurches;  
Jump aboard the car of Freedom,  
Ere it be too late to need them.  
Sound the alarm! Pulpits thunder!  
Ere too late you see your blunder!  
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Ere too late you see your blunder!

Politicians gazed astounded,  
When, at first, our bell resounded;  
Freight trains are coming, tell these foxes,  
With our votes and ballot boxes.  
Jump for your lives! politicians,  
From your dangerous, false positions.  
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From your dangerous, false positions.

Hear the mighty car-wheels humming!  
Now look out! the Engine's coming!  
Church and statesmen! hear the thunder!  
Clear the track or you'll fall under.  
Get off the track! all are singing.  
While the Liberty bell is ringing.  
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While the Liberty bell is ringing.

On, triumphant see them bearing,  
Through sectarian rubbish tearing;  
The bell and whistle and the steaming,  
Startle thousands from their dreaming.  
Look out for the cars while the bell rings!  
Ere the sound your funeral knell rings.  
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Ere the sound your funeral knell rings.

See the people run to meet us;  
At the depots thousands greet us;  
All take seats with exultation,  
In the Car Emancipation  
Huzza! Huzza!! Emancipation  
Soon will bless our happy nation,  
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**As Sung on Judy Cook's CD "Lincoln's America"**

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Notes:

Original 2nd verse deleted:

First of all the train, and greater,  
Speeds the dauntless Liberator,  
Onward cheered amid hosannas,  
And the waving of free banners.  
Roll it along! spread your banners,  
While the people shout hosannas  
Roll it along! spread your banners,  
While the people shout hosannas.

Original 5th & 6th verses conflated & put in as verse 2:

All true friends of Emancipation,  
Haste to Freedom's railroad station;  
Quick into the cars get seated  
All is ready and completed  
Put on the steam! all are crying,  
And the liberty flags are flying  
Put on the steam! all are crying,  
And the liberty flags are flying

Now again the bell is tolling,  
Soon you'll see the car-wheels rolling;  
Hinder not their destination,  
Chartered for Emancipation  
Wood up the fire! keep it flashing,  
While the train goes onward dashing.  
Wood up the fire! keep it flashing,  
While the train goes onward dashing.