

Station in the Sky

4/4 the sun it's gon na Shine in that Sta tion in the Sky Jes us wants ood

Pas sen gers you'll Get there by and by. the Lord has banned the rain all his

days is warm and dry. and the Sun it's gon na shine in that sta tion in the

sky. your Life is like a rail road train. Hal lel lu ya temp ta tion is the
 v2. first Sta tion is a gam bling den Hal lel lu ya where Sat an traps both
 v3. next Sta tion is a home they say Hal lel lu ya where drunk ards slouch and
 v4. one Sta tion is a mut ton shop Hal lel lu ya where pigs & gree dy
 v5. and more sta tion you you don't need Hal lel lu ya has up stairs rooms thats

head light beam. ~ ~ Hal lel lu ya () sin is () the throt tle and the
 v2. boys and men ~ ~ Hal lel lu ya () their" last ~ bet ~ they're
 v3. sleep all day ~ ~ Hal lel lu ya () judge" ment ~ day ~ they'll
 v4. glut tons stop ~ ~ Hal lel lu ya they chuc kle with ~ glee ~ at ~
 v5. full of greed ~ ~ Hal lel lu ya selling one ~ way ~ tic kets ~ ()

Dev il drives fast Hal le lu ya. () jump out () the way as he goes past
 v2. bound" to lose Hal le lu ya. on when ~ old ~ satan col lects his dues
 v3. get ~ to think Hal le lu ya. that whis ~ key ~ was the Dev ils drink
 v4. ev er ry meal Hal le lu ya. but Sa ~ tans ~ bill will make them squeal
 v5. to ~ dan nation Hal le lu ya. and give ~ you i deas a bove your station

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This was inspired by a folk singer in NZ who sang songs of sister Mary Sledge (?). These took the form that life was like a baseball game and the Lord was looking for boundary shots and the first base was your acceptance of faith, and the second base the devil was lurking if you failed to reach it in time etc etc. The difference is that this song knows it is over the top.

The verses have changed over the years to be slightly funnier but more like the legends you can read on religious billboards next to American churches.

Old Joe's

Chorus

I am the man they call Caggy Smith,
A boater from the day I first lived,

A boater ere the day that I die.
A boater, a boater, a boater that's I.

I wind & wind & wind on the windlass
Heave & heave & heave on the arm

Raise the paddles and fill-up the lock.
To open the lock gate and cruise up the cut.

chorus

I've hitched up me hoss and started him off,
Come on Joe you know I love you so,

Come on old Joe give it all that you've got.
Together, we'm agooin' at our own fast trot.

chorus

Wow there boy now hold back the boat
Up the Delph flight of locks we must float,

Slow it down at the end of the pound.
29 chambers from Stourport we've found.

chorus

While I hang on that chain over there,
Drag it through the narrows with care,

Easy now Joe and go not too fast,
And I'll drop the drawbridge when you have gone past.

chorus

Slowly now Joe, you've reached Ocker Bonk,
Wait while I hitch up that empty coal barge,

Here's a bag of Oats for you. Then
And off to Cannock to load up again.

chorus

Easy Joe, easy what can there be wrong?
Heave boy heave it's taking too long,

Why are are you pulling the butty so slow?
What are you telling me Joe? Oh Joe.

chorus

Joe boy, Joe your gone from me now,
I have discovered sadness, and how

I can't face to train a new hoss,
At my stage in life it's too big a loss.

chorus

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tempo at a trot tone easy accent Black country

Caggy Smith was still using horse drawn butties in the mid seventies and swore he would not replace old Joe if he died, but relented apparently. The advantage of the horse is that it does not need to go through locks so traversing them is twice as fast. The butties were left at the wharf to be loaded while Joe and Caggy went off elsewhere to move another butty that had just been loaded. Joe did not walk, he went at a run, his acceleration was better than with an engine, and caused less erosion because of the lack of propellor. Joe could be told to walk on to the bottom of the lock and stay and he did. Apart from the vets bills and feed the only disadvantage to Joe was the odd occasion he fell in! The de-equinization of the canal was achieved by looping fire hoses round his belly and winching him onto the towpath. Joe was stabled in Great Bridge, Tipton.

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chorus

The sun it's gonna shine in that station in the sky.
Jesus wants good passengers, you'll get there by & by.
The Lord has banned the rain all his days is warm and dry.
& the sun it's gonna shine in that station in the sky.

Life is like a railroad train,	Halleluya
Temptation is the headlight beam,	Halleluya
Sin is the throttle and the Devil drives fast.	Halleluya
Jump out the way as he goes past.	Halleluya chorus
First station is a gambling den,	Halleluya
Where Satan traps both boys and men.	Halleluya
Their first bet they're bound to lose.	Halleluya
On when old Satan c'lects his dues.	Halleluya chorus
One upstairs room has a bar they say,	Halleluya
Where drunkards slouch & sleep all day,	Halleluya
Its a one way ticket to damnation.	Halleluya
& gives you ideas above your station.	Halleluya chorus
Buy your Bible at the station bookstall,	Halleluya
Read your scriptures one and all,	Halleluya
Brush up your gospels every day.	Halleluya
'Cos they help fight truth decay.	Halleluya chorus

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