

THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR **GLORY**



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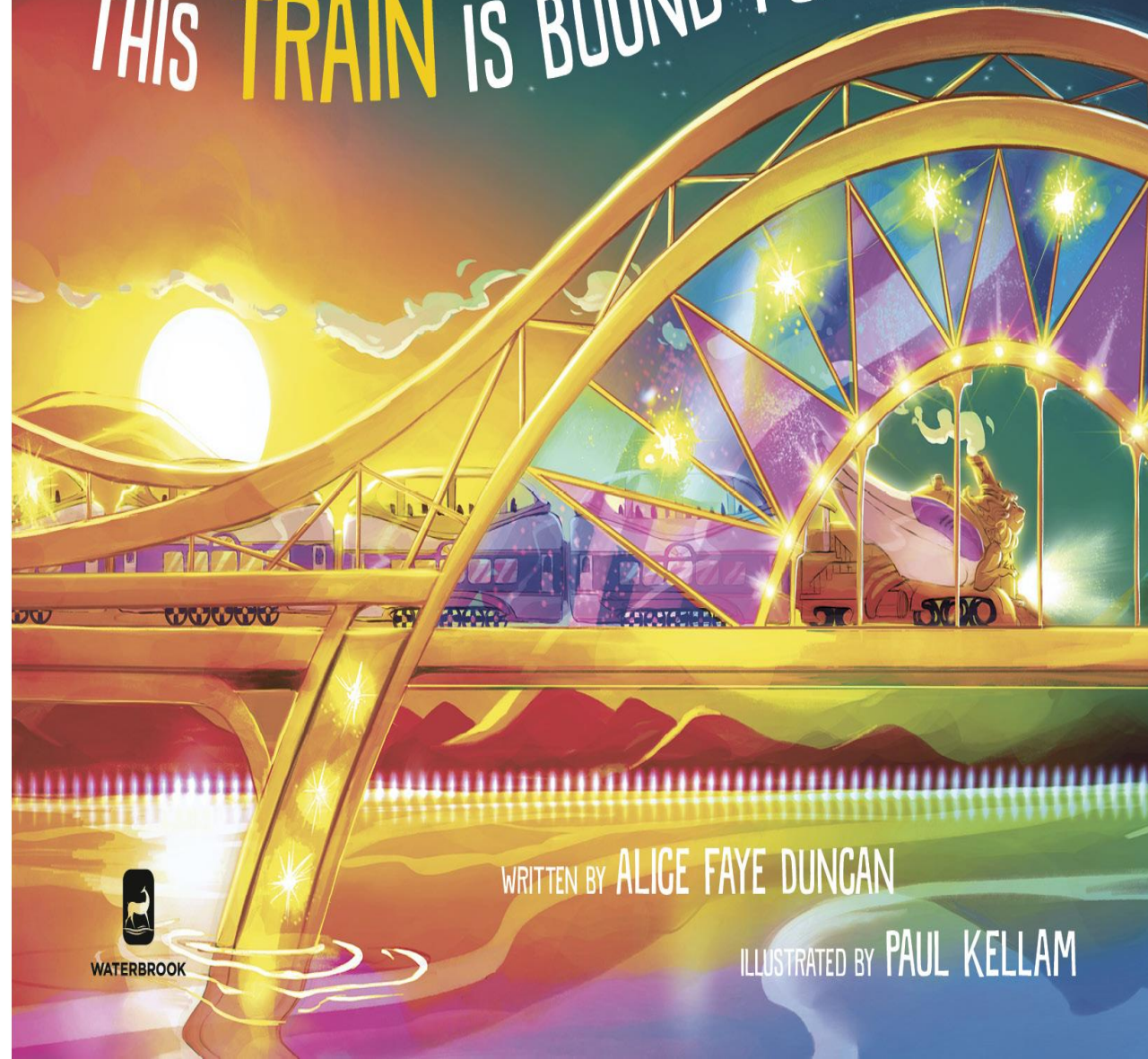


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“All aboard!” calls the merry conductor.

His voice is like the wind—loud, warm, and strong.

Men, women, and children run to the Glory Train.

They raise their shiny tickets and skip up the narrow steps.



The train sparkles in the sunlight.
The wheels begin to roll.
All the passengers wave goodbye.
Choo-choo!



And as they sit down in their seats
to ride the screeching rails,
a boy picks and plucks his old guitar.
He opens his mouth and sings . . .



THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY—THIS TRAIN!

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*This train is bound for Glory.
Everybody here is a-rocking and a-rolling.
This train is bound for Glory—this train!*

“Wait for us!” yell three cowboys.
They chase the train until it stops.



They leave behind the dusty fields.
They jump on board and loudly cheer . . .

This train is a fast train—this train!

This train is a fast train—this train!

CLICKETY-GLACK! CLICKETY-GLACK! WOO-WOOO!



This train is a fast train.

All the people on board yell, “Howdy, friends!”

This train is a fast train—this train!

As sweet Gram-Gram rides the Glory Train,
she marvels at the clouds and the mountainside.
Gram rattles her tambourine for joy
and opens her mouth to sing and shout . . .



This train is a freedom train—this train!
This train is a freedom train—this train!

This train is a freedom train.
No more trouble and tears round here.
This train is a freedom train—this train!



Just then the Glory Train picks up speed.

It clicks and clacks across a golden bridge.





All the riders on board do the cha-cha-cha.
Together they sing in the dining car ...

This train is a dancing train—this train!
This train is a dancing train—this train!
This train is a dancing train.

WE SNAP OUR FINGERS
and **CLAP OUR HANDS.**

This train is a dancing train—
THIS TRAIN!

As the young boy rocks his old guitar,
he marvels and smiles at the pearly gates.

And as the dazzling gates let the train roll through,
the boy lifts his head and loudly croons . . .



This train travels to the Uppermost—this train!

This train travels to the Uppermost—this train!

This train travels to the Uppermost.

Every ticket is free! There ain't no cost.

This train travels to the Uppermost—this train!



CHOO-CHOO!

The Glory Train rolls down the line to this very day.
It zips and zooms across the midnight sky.
Starshine guides the way.



If you turn your head just right,
you can see the watchful conductor perched on the red caboose.
He looks just like an angel with moonbeams in his hair.

He keeps his eye on the winding rails
as the Glory Train climbs higher and higher
in a blaze of light—up through the galaxy.

If you are very quiet and listen with careful ears,
you can hear his bright and happy song
as he calls to every heart . . .



This train is bound for Glory—this train!

This train is bound for Glory—this train!



This train is bound for Glory.

Everybody here is a-rocking and a-rolling.

THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY—THIS TRAIN!

"ALL ABOARD!"



Now use your answers from the previous page to write a new version of the song. Here are three verses with blank spaces to get you started. As you fill in the blanks, use the examples next to each verse for inspiration and have fun with the writing process!

Remember, spirituals should be filled with feelings of hope, joy, and love. An easy way to add those feelings is to think about what brings you hope, joy, and love. Then sing about it. The world needs your light and song. *Sing on!*

VERSE ONE

AUTHOR'S VERSE

This train is bound for Glory—this train!
This train is bound for Glory—this train!

This train is bound for Glory.
Everybody here is a-rocking and a-rolling.
This train is bound for Glory—this train!

MY VERSE

This train is bound for Glory—this train!
This train is bound for Glory—this train!

This train is bound for Glory.
Everybody here is _____ and _____.
This train is bound for Glory—this train!



VERSE TWO

AUTHOR'S VERSE

This train is a fast train—this train!
This train is a fast train—this train!

This train is a fast train.
All the people on board yell, "Howdy, friends!"
This train is a fast train—this train!

MY VERSE

This train is a _____ train—this train!
This train is a _____ train—this train!

This train is a _____ train.
All the people on board yell, "_____."
This train is a _____ train—this train!



VERSE THREE

AUTHOR'S VERSE

This train is a freedom train—this train!
This train is a freedom train—this train!

This train is a freedom train.
No more trouble and tears round here.
This train is a freedom train—this train!

MY VERSE

This train is a freedom train—this train!
This train is a freedom train—this train!

This train is a freedom train.
No more _____ and _____ round here.
This train is a freedom train—this train!





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