

# Can't Ignore the Train

10,000 Maniacs

Steep is the water tower  
painted off blue to match the sky

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night walks in the valley silent  
you could swear the earth just moved

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dust to be kicked up  
in the crack faced  
idle sinister town  
screen door to the rail station  
devil in her shoe

ran along side the wasted tracks  
hem pins darted her calves

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one spoiled girl with the tidiest apology  
some how wedged inside her throat

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patience their virtue  
but I never could abide by that  
dungeon life with electric light  
a clean towel and a basin  
mantle figures mind their place  
laughs where they belong

through adventure we are not adventuresome

rage to share with a wardrobe mirror  
in a room so beige and cold

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window days saw the children pick their  
street games on thirty afternoons

Molly the boys are  
starting in the rhymic again  
teasing more and more....

the second daughter  
how she fell  
young locked in Some Folk's Prison  
made to dwell  
til they're braiding  
her grey hair

sitting in the wishing chair  
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