

Ride the Rails

as performed
by Mannin Folk

Stuart Slack

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Ride the rails, ride the rails, on the is-land where the
cats have got no tails. You can ride the old Manx rail- way_ through the
hills and through the dales_ Ride the rails, ride the rails, ride the rails.
Clip clop on the horse tram a - long the Doug - las Prom.
See just where it's go - ing and where it's co-ming from.
Sit up by the dri - ver who ma - nip - u - lates the reins
Watch the hor - se's mus - cles as it eas' - ly takes the strain.
Oh the Lax-ey Wheel keeps tur-ning, tur-ning, tur - ning In La - dy Is - a -
bel - la's me - mo - ry, And while the wa - ter flows, the
Lax-ey Wheel still goes, Ride the rails, ride the rails, ride the rails.

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*Ride the rails, ride the rails, on the island where the cats have got no tails.
You can ride the old Manx railway through the hills and through the dales
Ride the rails, ride the rails, ride the rails.*

Clip clop on the horse tram along the Douglas Prom
See just where it's going and where it's coming from
Sit up by the driver who manipulates the rein
Watch the horse's muscles as it eas'ly takes the strain.

Chorus

Take the tram to Groudle or walk the leafy lanes.
Take a stroll right down the glen until you see the trains
Ride the tiny railway with its twenty-four inch gauge
Round the rocky headland to the old sea-lion's cage.

Chorus

Take yourself to Laxey and catch the mountain tram
The Snaefell Mountain Railway is the finest in the land
Look round every corner as new beauty is revealed
And sing this little ditty as you pass the Laxey Wheel.

*Oh the Laxey wheel keeps turning, turning, turning
In Lady Isabella's memory
And while the water flows, the Laxey Wheel still goes,
Ride the Rails, ride the rails, ride the rails.*

Down at Douglas Station you can see the engines gleam
See the busy engineer working up the steam
Get on board before you hear the wailing whistle blow
See the guard, he waves the flag, it's almost time to go.

Chorus

See the Manx electric tram rounding Onchan Head
Out along the Ramsey line, sixteen miles ahead
Ride the rails to Laxey and up round Bulgham Bay
Celebrate its birthday, it's a hundred years today.

Chorus and repeat last line