

Move Along Train

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CHORUS

*C*⁷

Move along train, *you've got your heavy load.*

F *F*⁷ *C*⁷

Move along train, *you've got your heavy load.*

*C*⁷ *C*

Move along train, *you've got your heavy load.*

F *F*⁷ *C*

Because my Lord's coming and He won't be long.

*F*⁷ *C*⁷ *C*

He's gonna take me safely me home.

F *F*⁷ *C*⁷

The Gospel train is coming.

F *G*

You know it's coming around the curve.

F *F*⁷ *C*⁷

I can hear the whistle blowing.

F *F*⁷ *C*⁷ *C*

You know she's straining every nerve.

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Tell that barroom lady,

She better get her business right.

Because the Gospel train is coming;

You know it may be here tonight.

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Well hear that voice a-callin',

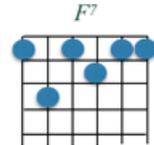
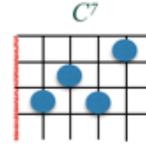
Deep down in your bones.

It God's dear voice a-callin,

He said that we shall come-on home.

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} Intro



History

Mark Lavon "Levon" Helm (May 26, 1940 – April 19, 2012) wrote “**Move Along Train.**” He was an American rock musician and actor who achieved fame as the drummer and frequent lead and backing vocalist for The Band. Helm was known

for his deeply soulful, country-accented voice, multi-instrumental ability, and creative drumming style highlighted on many of The Band's recordings, such as

“The Weight”, “Up on Cripple Creek”, and “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down”.

He had a successful career as an actor, appearing in such films as *A Coal Miner's Daughter*, *The Right Stuff*, *The Three Burials of Melquiades*

Estrada, and *In The Electric Mist*. He also had a brief cameo as a weapons expert in the film *Shooter* with Mark Wahlberg.

In 1998, Helm was diagnosed with throat cancer, which caused him to lose his singing voice. After treatment, his cancer eventually went into remission, and he gradually regained the use of his voice. His 2007 comeback album *Dirt Farmer* earned the Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Album in February 2008, and in November of that year, *Rolling Stone* magazine ranked him No. 91 in the list of The 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. In 2010, *Electric Dirt*, his 2009 follow-up to *Dirt Farmer*, won the first Grammy Award for Best Americana Album, a category inaugurated in 2010. In 2011, his live album *Ramble at the Ryman* was nominated for the Grammy in the same category and won.

On April 17, 2012, his wife and daughter announced on Helm's website that he was "in the final stages of his battle with cancer" and thanked fans while requesting prayers. Two days later, Helm died at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. *from Rolling Stone, Famous biographies and Wikipedia*

