

# FREIGHT TRAIN

Elizabeth Cotten

Capo 3  
Key = C

Chorus:

**C** **G7**  
Freight train freight train goin' so fast  
**C**

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**E** **E7** **F**  
Please don't tell what train I'm on  
**C** **G7** **C**

So they won't know where I've gone.

Freight train, freight train, comin' round the bend  
Freight train, freight train, gone again  
One of these days I'll turn that train around  
Go back to my hometown.

(chorus)

One more place I'd like to be  
One more place I'd love to see  
To watch those old blue ridge mountains climb  
As I ride ol' number nine.

(chorus)

When I die Lord bury me deep  
Down at the end of of old Chestnut Street  
So I can hear ol' number nine  
As she goes rollin' by.

(chorus)

## CD: Freight Train And Other North Carolina Folk Songs

Born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on **January 5, 1895**. One of four children of George Nevills and Louise Price Nevills. At about the **age of eight**, started playing her older brother's Banjo and, a little later, brother's hidden guitar. When he was out she would pull the guitar from under his bed and set it flat on her lap. She saved money and finally got her own guitar, 'Stella'. To learn a new tune she needed only to hear it played once by other musicians around her town. Her brothers and sister could also play. Sometimes they would play homemade instruments around the house for themselves and friends.

She wrote the song Freight Train when she was **twelve years old**.



## Elizabeth Cotton

(January 5, 1895 - June 29, 1987)