

# The Newfoundland Express

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Original Version

1. Oh how I yet remember, that dark and stormy day,  
When the train pulled into Gander, I heard somebody say,  
I see that girl from Corner Brook, she's just like all the rest,  
She meant to arrive a month ago on the Newfoundland Express!

There's hobos in Newfie, I just met one today!  
He said that he was anxious to be getting on his way.  
The only thing that stops him is the need of sleep and rest.  
And he's not taking any chances on the Newfoundland Express.

2. We left St. John's on Sunday, the day was awfully cold,  
The engineer was roarin' drunk, so some of us were told.  
Says he now don't be anxious, for gettin' home just yet,  
We'll get there next month sometime on the Newfoundland Express!

See that lovely soldier, with bayonet by his side,  
He's goin' back to Canada to wed his promised bride.  
He's fought some real battles, he has done his best,  
But he takes his life in his own hands on the Newfoundland Express

3. The guards they left from Gambo, just the other day  
The train pulled in the siding, and we heard the brakeman say,  
Ye'll be here for a week b'ys, you'd better get some rest,  
We have to keep the rails clean for the Newfoundland Express!

Next month I go on furlough, to St. John's I will go,  
They give me ten days traveling time, but I'll need more time I know,  
I have to go through Grand Falls, that takes five days I guess,  
That means I'll spend all my traveling time on the Newfoundland Express.

4. It's the middle of the winter with snow upon the ground,  
We're waiting for the postman, to bring the mail round.  
But the mail's stuck til spring b'ys, in a snowdrift I would guess  
Snowed under on Gaff Topsails aboard the Newfoundland express!

A soldier he decided to heaven he would go,  
He tied himself to the railroad tracks, when he heard the whistle blow!  
He must've lain a long time, because he starved to death!  
Waiting on the railroad track for the Newfoundland Express!