

A Southbound Train
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Stacked Chord Chart (Guitarist/Performer Version)

[Verse 1]

 G D
I saw her arrive on a southbound train,
 Em C
She stood on the stairs as a gentle rain,
 G D
washed away cares – plain to see,
 Em C
The miles she'd traveled brought her to me.

 G D
At a streetlight she paused, looked all around,
 Em C
Studied the faces in this new town.
 G D
Empty-handed – not even a purse,
 Em C
Leavin' her baggage behind, or worse.

[Verse 2]

 G D
Long auburn hair tucked into her coat,
 Em C
A green silken scarf wrapped round her throat.
 G D
I studied her face – not seen her before,
 Em C
She came to the diner and walked through the door.

 G D
I watched her step softly through the diner's light,
 Em C
She hung up her coat, brushed rain from the night.
 G D
A soft little smile, a spark in her eye,
 Em C
She sat at the counter as the world passed by.

[Chorus]

 G D
That southbound train brought her my way,
 Em C
Changed my whole life on a rainy day.

G D
Fate was waitin', I can't ex- plain,
 Em C
What I found that night on a southbound train.

[Verse 3]

 G D
I asked if the rain had driven her in,
 Em C
She laughed and said, "I just followed the wind."
 G D
Coffee kept pourin', the hours flew by,
 Em C
The world disap-peared in her emerald eyes.

[Verse 4 – (Em-led reflective progression)]

 Em C
Years rolled along like the wheels of that train,
 G D
Sunshine and heartache, joy and pain.
 Em C
Through every storm, her hand in mine,
 G D
She was my reason, my tie to the line.

[Verse 5 – (Em-heavier section, more somber)]

 Em C
My steadfast companion from the day she arrived,
 G D
'Til that one dark night she didn't survive.
 Em C
The heartbreak I felt when I saw her face,
 G D
Told me, my true love could never be re-placed.

[Verse 6 – (Wind-theme, same Em→C→G→D)]

 Em C
I watched the saplings we planted grow tall by the gate,
 G D
Seasons kept comin', but time doesn't wait.
 Em C
The sun seeks the horizon while the nights grow long,
 G D
The wind whispers her name like an old love song.

