ON THE GHAN

(Neil Murray)

Well if you're hanging in out in Adelaide looking for a lift
To get you up the track to Alice Springs
You can forget about a plane they only go too fast
The way to go is the one that gets there last
Now I'm talking bout a train and I'm talking bout a track
That runs from here to Alice Springs and sometimes gets you back
Now I warn it ain't no speedster and its not too flash or fine
But it'll always get you bit further up the line.

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Now you might get off at Maree or have a beer at Williams Creek
Or pull in to Oodnadatta and camp there for a week
Now we don't care where you're going or what you hope to find
The only thing we're sure of is you won't be there on time
So throw away your schedules and the plans upon your mind
Cancel all appointments we've left them far behind
For when you ride the Ghan nobody gives a damn
Least of all the drivers who'll just cart you back again

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Now its not too long to go and this train is going fast
To when there'll be no journey and no one to depart
And there's not too many yarns left and not too many ways
That you can charm up some old timer to open up his days
Of swayin' in the lounge car, the piano's out of tune
The beer flows like a river as we rattle under the moon
And even when its all over and there's not a train in sight
I bet that old timer still sees a row of lights
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