A melody of whistles and roars
steel-rail beat, broke-wood rhythm
Engines breathing heavy, chugging
Thunder cracking in dream country

Past the blood-red paint
ghost-white striped structure
staring, blinking
on lonely rocky hill

Freight-car cries, wailing through darkness
yearning to return home
Ripples in old Mill Pond
Creaking fences, ride of the wind-beast

Under graffiti bridge color-explosion
orange-neon, raspberry, emerald-lime
locomotive choo-choo goes by
rainbow smoke mix, charcoal black

midnight panic music
shadow-dance till candlewick’s end

Lost railroad treasure chest
green-glass beer bottles, raccoon skull grin
abandoned street sign metal
burnt copper-coins time-faded tink

Nightly train-tune stories
echoes of air-whistle calls
drifting with easy-going breeze
beneath moonlit cloud seas