

## James McConnell lyric with chords in G major

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[V1:]

**G F C/E C D**  
I come from Da-ley, Ayr - shire,  
**G/B C Am D**  
Mc-Connell is my name.  
**G F G D**  
I'm a first-class rail-way en-gi-neer  
**G/B Am G/B C Am D**  
And few can make that claim I say,  
**G F G**  
And few can make that claim.

[Link: C - Am C D]

[V2:]

**G F C/E C D**  
At thir-teen I set out from home  
**G/B C Am D**  
And learned to make my way.  
**G F G D**  
I stud-ied at night in the In-sti-tute,  
**G/B Am G/B C Am D**  
Ap-prenticed in the Works by day,  
**G F G**  
Did ap-prentice work by day.

[Link: C - Am C D]

[V3:]

**G F C/E C D**  
In Glas gow and in Li - ver- pool,  
**G/B C Am D**  
I learned the mech - a - nic's skill.  
**G F G D**  
At the draw-ing board I used my brains,  
**G/B Am G/B C Am D**  
On the shop floor used my strength and will  
**G F G**  
I lived by brains and will.

*[Link: C - Am C D]*

*[V4:]*

**G F C/E C D**

I've worked on jen-nies, I've worked on mules,

**G/B C Am D**

On cranes that sit dock-side.

**G F G D**

I built a Crystal Pa-lace too,

**G/B Am G/B C Am D**

But loc - o - mo - tives are my pride,

**G F G**

Lo-co-motives are my pride.

*[Link: C - Am C D + Instrumental: G F C/E C D - G/B C Am D]*

*[V5:]*

**G F C/E C D**

On the Bir-ming-ham and Glou-ces-ter line

**G/B C Am D**

Where Yan-kee en-gines fail,

**G F G D**

Up a one-in-thir-ty-se-ven grade

**G/B Am G/B C Am D**

One of my en - gines spe-cial-ly made,

**G F G**

Car-ries peo-ple freight and mail.

*[Link: C - Am C D]*

*[V4:]*

**G F C/E C D**

And now I've come to Wol - ver-ton.

**G/B C Am D**

My terms are fair and square.

**G F G Dm<sup>7</sup>**

I want good la-bour, I want good men,

**G/B Am G/B C Am D**

And I shall do my share I say,

**G F G**

And I shall do my share

*[Finale: C - Am C D]*