

## The Permanent Way lyric with chords in C major

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*[Intro: 'Muted chops a la train sound' for two bars, then -]*

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

*[V1:]*

**G**<sup>7</sup>

Gra-nite for bal-last and sleep-ers of pine

**C**

Cut through the coun-try in a ve-ry straight line

**G**<sup>7</sup>

De-part and ar-rive on the ve-ry same day

**C**

On the Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham Rail-way

*[Chorus:]*

**F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

**A**<sup>#7</sup>

Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham the very same day !

*[V2:]*

**G**<sup>7</sup>

Train co-ming out of Lin-slade Tunnel,

**C**

White smoke strea-ming from the fun-nel,

**G**<sup>7</sup>

Pis-tons pump-ing, drive wheels hum,

**C**

Folks in Fen-ny sure hear us come,

*[Chorus]*

V3:

**G<sup>7</sup>**

Look down there that's Den-bigh Hall,

**C**

Hard-ly a sign of life at all,

**G<sup>7</sup>**

Turned round here when the line was new,

**C**

Now we just keep rol-ling through,

[Chorus:] **F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham the very same day !

[Instrumental verse - **G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup>** - followed by another Chorus ]

[V4:]

**G<sup>7</sup>**

Slow goods up, fast mail down,

**C**

Rat-tl-ing the win-dows through Wol-ver-ton Town

**G<sup>7</sup>**

Ne-ver mind the cin-ders, ne-ver mind the smoke,

**C**

Wol-ver-ton peo-ple are Rail-way Folk!

[Chorus]

[V5:]

**G<sup>7</sup>**

Steam train co-ming, po-we-rful sound,

**C**

Dar-ken the sky and shake the ground,

**G<sup>7</sup>**

If you live to a hun-dred and three,

**C**

It's the fas-test thing you'll ev-er see,

[Final Chorus:]

**F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**F**

On the Per-ma-nent Way!

**C**

Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham

**B**

Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham

**C**

Lon-don to Bir-ming-ham the very same day!