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A train has the courtesy to whistle while passing over a railroad crossing.

Two long,

One short,

One long.

When someone is in front of a train, a whistle is blown

As long

And loud

As possible.

I lie awake with this dream of a train whisking me away;

Running off with me, that I may never be heard from again.

The thought of the crying whistle comforts me,

I find it so charming that a train

Can scream out to the world that it wants me to live

Louder than anyone I've ever heard.

Or at least, it is sweet to dream of it.

Alone in bed, I listened lustfully to its nightly passing,

Tonight, I fell asleep to the sound of five train whistles.

Rail Tracks, Celina

Nick Young

