

## The Line to Heaven

A line to heaven by Christ was made, With heavenly truths the rails are laid  
From earth to heaven the line extends And in eternal life it ends  
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Line to Heaven'. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a hymn book.

2. The Bible is the First Engineer  
It points the way to heaven so clear  
Through tunnels dark and dreary there  
It does the way to glory steer. (x2)
3. Repentance is the first station there  
Where passengers are taken in  
No fee for them is there to pay  
For Jesus is himself the way (x2)
4. God's love the fire, his grace the steam  
Which drives the engine and the train  
All you that would to glory ride  
Must come to Christ and in him abide.(x2)
5. In the first, second and third class  
Repentance, faith and holiness  
You must the way to glory gain  
Or you with Christ can never reign (x2)
6. Come, poor sinners, now's the time  
At any station on the line  
If you repent and turn away from sin  
The trains will stop and take you in (x2)
7. If all these trains should by you pass  
And you are found in neither class  
Neither truth, faith, fire, grace nor steam  
Can make you willing to get in (x2)
8. Now poor sinners you must weep at last  
When heaven is lost and time is past  
The heavenly trains are all gone by  
And sinners must for ever die (x2)

9. The trains are started and too late  
Will be the unbelieving sinner's fate  
The carriage doors are fastly closed  
And tickets cannot be gained upon the road (x2)
10. The passengers are all inside  
Prepared in glory to abide  
How sweet their voices! How they sing!  
To praise the everlasting king (x2)
11. When all these trains at heaven arrive  
And there you did in Christ abide  
How sweet their voices! How they sing!  
To praise their great eternal king (x2)
12. The king eternal on his throne  
Pronounces that the trains are gone  
White robes all ready to put on  
And Jesus says the words 'Well done!' (x2)

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