

# The Little Engine that Could

Key of G

Percussion for this song is sandpaper blocks. They should start out slowly like a train and then work up to tempo.

Each of the five verses is musically the same.

**Intro:** Someone blows the train whistle and we vamp on G until the words start.

**Verse:**

G / C G  
There was a little railroad train with loads and loads of toys  
G / A7 D7  
All setting out to find a home with little girls and boys  
G / C / (walk down from C to A: C B Bb A)  
And as this little railroad train began to move along  
A7 / D7 /  
The little engine up in front was heard to sing this song  
G G  
Choo choo choo choo, choo choo choo choo  
G D7  
I feel so good today  
D7 D7  
Oh hear the track oh clickety clack  
D7 G (vamp on G until the singing starts again)  
I'm on my merry way

That little train went rolling on so fast it seemed to fly  
Until it reached a mountain that went almost to the sky  
That little engine moaned and groaned and huffed and puffed away  
But half way to the top he just gave up and seemed to say  
I can't go on, I can't go on  
I'm weary as can be  
I can't go on, I can't go on  
This job is not for me

The toys got out to push but all in vain alas, alak  
But then a great big engine came a whistling down the track  
They asked if he would kindly pull them up the mountainside  
But with a high and mighty sneer he scornfully replied  
Don't bother me, don't bother me  
To pull the likes of you  
Don't bother me, don't bother me  
I've better things to do

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The toys all started crying cause the engine was so mean  
But then there came another one, the smallest ever seen  
And though it seemed that she could hardly pull herself along  
She hitched on to the front and as she pulled she sang this song  
I think I can, I think I can  
I think I have a plan  
And I can do most anything  
If I only think I can

Then up that great big mountain with the cars all full of toys  
And soon they reached the waiting arms of happy girls and boys  
And though that ends my story it will do you lots of good  
To take a lesson from the little engine that could  
Just think you can, just think you can  
Just have that understood  
And pretty soon you'll start to say  
I always knew I could

## Outro:

G (gradually slow down, and the whistle is blown again.)

I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.....