

# Morningtown Ride

At Family Week, our nightly Pied Piper bedtime serenade parade lullaby,  
by Malvina Reynolds of Berkeley.

Train whistle blowing makes a sleepy noise,  
Underneath their blankets go all the kids and toys\*.  
Heading from the station out along the Bay,  
All bound for Morningtown, many miles away.

\_\_\_\_\_ 's at the engine, \_\_\_\_\_ rings the bell,  
\_\_\_\_\_ swings the lantern\*\*, to show that all is well.  
Rockin', rollin', ridin', out along the Bay,  
All bound for Morningtown, many miles away.

Maybe it is raining where our train will ride,  
But all the little travelers are snug and warm inside.  
Somewhere there is sunshine, somewhere there is day,  
Somewhere there is Morningtown, many miles away.

Rockin', rollin', ridin', out along the Bay,  
All bound for Morningtown, many miles away.

\* Starting in 2025, Family Week replacement for "... girls and boys"

\*\* Family Week alternate if no third name: "We all swing the lantern"

---

© 1957 Malvina Reynolds (1900–1978)

*"Malvina Reynolds was one of the great songwriters of the 20th Century."* —Pete Seeger

Morningtown Ride, as sung by the author: <https://youtu.be/XXy-D4Yuljo>

More about the song:

<https://people.wku.edu/charles.smith/MALVINA/mr112.htm>

More about Malvina Reynolds, PhD:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malvina\\_Reynolds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malvina_Reynolds)