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Down by the depot, early in the morning  
See the yellow school buses all in a row  
See the school bus driver warming up the engine  
Vroom vroom beep beep! Off we go!

Little fans of trucks and trains and boats and planes will love to sing this action-packed, expanded version of the classic rhyme, paired with Frank Remkiewicz's happy, vibrant illustrations. Reviews "Vetter's debut adds new verses to the familiar favorite. Children who love things that go will be thrilled with the vehicles included here: school bus, tractor-trailer, excavator, jumbo jet, sailboat, racecar, fire engine and rocket. The ending is a good segue to bedtime, as the train returns to the station and several sleepyheads head to bed." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

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# **From Reader Review Down by the Station for online ebook**

## **Vivian says**

Doing a story time or study unit on TRANSPORTATION? Or do you have a little one with an insatiable appetite for modes of transport? Get your hands on this twist on the traditional song! There are verses for trains, buses, tractor trailers, giant excavators, jumbo jets, bobbing sailboats, speedy race cars, shiny fire engines, and solid rocket boosters. Very fun to perform!

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## **Sara says**

My daughter loves this book. I just brought it home from the library and we have to read (or rather, sing) "choo choo book" two or three times before bed every night and sometimes before naps. I usually sing through once or twice and then we name the animals, find the chicken and worm and sun on every page, talk about the different vehicles, etc. There is a lot to look at, and each verse fits the tune perfectly.

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## **Denise says**

The day begins "down by the station" with a "puff, puff, toot, toot" and takes the reader all about town. There are many forms of transportation introduced throughout the book that all entail sounds children will undoubtedly love to make. The day ends back at the station where the engine will stay and rest. The illustrations are bright, colorful and inviting especially to a younger group of children such as toddlers.

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## **Molly Cluff (Library!) says**

This is the one I was looking for for a program! Don't know why it took me so long to find it, haha, but I'm glad I did! Very good for "Things That Go" storytime

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## **Milton Moon Louie says**

Singing through some transportations. B

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## **Felicity The Magnificent says**

In this book the trains worked. In this book the school buses worked. In this book the trucks worked. In this book the excavators did work. In this book planes did work. In this book sailboats worked. In this book race cars did races. In this book fire trucks went to work. In this book space shuttles went into outer space. In this book the trains, the school buses, the trucks, the excavators, the planes, the sail boats, the race cars, the fire

trucks, the spaces shuttles all went back home at the end of the day. -by *Felicity*<-i>

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### **Karawan says**

We didn't read the whole book at storytime because it was the last book and the kids were starting to get antsy. But I liked what we did see. It goes through various vehicles (trains, trucks, etc.) and the actions that people do to "make them go" complete with sound effects. My son is, like most boys, a lover of cars, trucks, and anything else that moves so this was a good book for him. The illustrations were colorful and eye-catching.

I guess "down by the station" is an old children's song, so our librarian read the words to that tune and the music added something nice to our storytime. But I could not get over the fact that the only time I have \*ever\* heard that song was a... more adult version. Where the refrain about the train station is interspersed with lyrics about a guy who picks up several different women at the station until the last one breaks up with him because she realizes he's unfaithful. Neither here nor there, but it definitely affected \*my\* experience with the book! I had no idea that there was an innocent little children's song about trains before it got re-made!

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### **The Library Lady says**

I was doing my special series for 18-24 month olds and the subject was "things that go". I went out to the stacks to get a copy of My Car, and every copy was either checked out or so torn it needed to be withdrawn and replaced.

So I pulled this book from my new book pile in the back and it was a big hit.

All the verses sing perfectly to the "down by the station" tune, you've got vehicles from trucks to work machines to a space ship, and the sound effects are great.

In other words, this was a hit even with the wiggly toddler crowd. And I've just ordered a copy for my "reading room"

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### **Katy says**

This book, in theory, could work for storytime. There's a lot of opportunity for interaction from the kids. I just found this book to be incredibly boring, so I most likely won't use it.

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### **Samantha Penrose says**

Not my favorite version of this book, but still a good one.

Sing the classic down by the station song and add the bus depot, the truck stop, the work site, the airport, the water (the dock actually), the racetrack, the firehouse, the launchpad, and back to the station in the evening....

Each location is manned by a different animal parent and child team performing the appropriate task..pulling the lever, warming the engine, pulling the air horn, digging with the bucket, pushing the throttle forward, pulling up the mainsail, revving up the engine, turning on the siren, starting the countdown, and returning to the station under the moon with a sleepy little one.

This version makes a good bedtime story.

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### **Bam says**

A new favorite of my one-year-old grandson, who already loves anything that goes, goes, goes... especially when the words to the story can be sung to a tune. His favorite by far is the rocket ship blasting off.

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### **IrenesBookReviews says**

This illustrated version of the traditional song expands and describes more vehicles, different locations, and their unique sounds, from puffer-billies to racecars and rockets. I enjoyed the easy to follow story and fun rhyming text. I also really liked the illustrations.

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### **Jennifer Heise says**

This cute variant with verses for different forms of transportation is a steady favorite in our house, so far for ages 3 to 5, with a truck-mad boy. Unfortunately, it does really need to be sung, so I leave the 'reading' of this one to Daddy, who can carry a tune in a bucket, unlike me.

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### **Cassandra Ball says**

This book was really colorful and bright and I think would be very useful in a preschool or kindergarten classroom. A combination of bright colors, fun animals and a repeated pattern in the rhythm of the words would draw young children and allow them to really enjoy the story. Even though it was an easy read I (as an adult) really enjoyed reading this book and would recommend it to teachers in younger grades.

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### **Lori says**

Our children like the Wee Sing version of this song and enjoyed the alternate verses with different modes of transportation, busses, trucks, excavators, airplanes, boats, race cars, fire trucks, and rockets. The brightly colored illustrations add to the fun.

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