

Yusuf / Cat Stevens – [Peace Train](#)

Wikipedia: “Yusuf Islam (born Steven Demetre Georgiou; 21 July 1948),^[1] **commonly known** by his **stage names** Cat Stevens, Yusuf, and Yusuf / Cat Stevens, is a British singer-songwriter and musician. He has sold more than 100 million records and has more than two billion streams.^[2] His musical style consists of folk, pop, rock, and, later in his career, [Islamic music](#). Following two decades in which he performed only music which met strict religious standards, he returned to making **secular** music in 2006.^{[3][4][5]} He was **inducted** into the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in 2014.^[6] [...]

“Stevens [converted to Islam](#) in December 1977, and adopted the name Yusuf Islam the following year.^{[11][12]} In 1979, he **auctioned** his guitars for charity, and left his musical career to devote himself to educational and philanthropic causes in the [Muslim community](#).^[13] He has since bought back at least one of the guitars he sold as a result of the efforts of his son, Yoriyos.”^[14]

Youtube: “‘Peace Train’ – Yusuf / Cat Stevens’ timeless anthem of hope and unity – was originally released on the classic album 'Teaser and the Firecat' in 1971 [during the Vietnam war] and was Stevens’ first US Top 10 hit [...] This *Song Around The World* version [came out on 21 September, the international peace day, in 2021. It] **features** more than 25 musicians from 12 countries and unites Yusuf / Cat Stevens, singing and playing a beautiful white piano in a tranquil open air **setting** in Istanbul, Turkey.”

<p>Now I've been happy lately Thinking about the good things to come And I believe it could be Something good has begun Oh, I've been smiling lately Dreaming about the world as one And I believe it could be Someday it's going to come</p> <p>'Cause out on the edge of darkness There rides the peace train Oh, peace train take this country Come take me home again</p> <p>Now I've been smiling lately Thinkin' about the good things to come And I believe it could be Something good has begun</p> <p>Oh, peace train sounding louder Glide on the peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on now, peace train Yes, peace train holy roller Everyone jump upon the peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on now, peace train</p> <p>Get your bags together Go bring your good friends too Because it's getting nearer It soon will be with you</p>	<p>Now come and join the living It's not so far from you And it's getting nearer Soon it will all be true</p> <p>Oh, peace train sounding louder Glide on the peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on now peace train Peace train</p> <p>Now I've been crying lately Thinkin' about the world as it is Why must we go on hating? Why can't we live in bliss?</p> <p>'Cause out on the edge of darkness There rides a peace train Oh, peace train take this country Come take me home again</p> <p>Oh, peace train sounding louder Glide on the peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on now, peace train Yes, peace train holy roller Everyone jump upon the peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on, come on, come on Yes, come on, peace train Yes, it's the peace train</p> <p>Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah Come on now, peace train Oh, peace train Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah</p>	<p>Explanations of words in bold</p> <p>Commonly known: widely known, generally known</p> <p>State names: names used on the stage, for public performances, for a public persona</p> <p>Secular: of the world, not spiritual, not relating to religion (in a secular state religion has no official place or function)</p> <p>To be inducted: to be admitted ceremoniously into a position, an office</p> <p>To auction: a public sale where objects are sold to the highest bidder (the person making the highest offer)</p> <p>To feature: to include as a characteristic</p> <p>A setting: a situation, a given time and place</p> <p>The world as one: the world united</p> <p>Edge of darkness: the border between no light and light</p> <p>Glide: to move in a smooth, easy manner</p> <p>Holy roller: a sacred roller-coaster?</p> <p>Bliss: extreme happiness, ecstasy, spiritual joy</p>
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