

Thirteen Steps

A child walks through the rail tracks after school carrying a bag. He is holding a food packet in his left hand. He counts the steps for each step he takes. A train arriving from a distance and he steps out from the tracks and wave for the train.

In a train gate, there is a father waiting impetuously looking at his watch for someone. He hears a train is reaching from a distance and lowers the bridge. The train passes with a loud whistle and the bridge towers as lined up vehicles start to move.

The child reaches to gate pot and meets his father who waited for his lunch to arrive. Father mildly blame for him for getting late but nevertheless pats his head. As the father savor his delicious lunch the child takes out his books and involve in studying outside the pot.

As he heavily involving with his homework, father gets back into working. The train whistle is start to hear from a distance the child gets up and join with his father while waving to the train for no reason.

As it starts to get dark, father and the child walk home together on the rail tracks. On the way, son says to his father, that he wants to become a train engineer so that he can every time whistle the train whenever he is coming near to his father's gate spot. The father warmly smiles looking at him and pats his head without saying anything.

The next day the father is lying in the bed trembling. The mother comes to him with a cup of tea and realizes he is sick. She applies a wetted cloth on his head as the son stares a melancholic at his father. The mother turns his head and states that his father won't be able to work today. Her mother asks the child to run to the train station immediately to let the train station master that his father will not be able to work today as he is sick.

In the very misty early morning the child runs fast through with the rail tracks with his old rotten clothes. Even while running he counts the steps exhaustedly while sweating. He comes to train gate pot and runs passing the gate. After running a few steps he looks at the rising sun for a while, which actually he is measuring the time. After few thinking he realizes something which makes him to panic. Then he looks at the other distance and notices a truck is coming from there.

He realizes there will be something very serious accident will get in involve if he didn't take action as soon as possible. He tries to get into the road climbing the mountain but soon realizes it is vain of time. He decides to run the back through the rail steps to as he hears the train whistle from the distance. The truck is reaching fast to the train track without realizing that train is reaching to the place soon.

The child realizes there is only thing to do. He runs into the gate pot and tries to close the gate. Unfortunately it is too heavy for him to drag the lever for close the gate. He then runs outside and tries to get a hold of the corner of the gate but then unable to do as he is not tall enough. Train whistle is getting closer and closer and the truck is reaching to gate spot rapidly as well.

The child takes a deep breath and tries to calm step. Then he walks a few steps counting the steps and halts at thirteen steps. He takes a turn and slowly speed up himself to run. In a flashback we depict the moments of him running along with father through the rail tracks, moments of him counting the steps while walking carrying the food bag for his father and moments of him and father going back to home in the sunset.

Back to the intense scene at the gate spot in a slow motion the child runs fast and takes a giant leap and grabs the gate holder and spiritually manages to the lower the gate successfully. Screen fade to black.

It is a new day. Sky is beautiful and clear. The train is traveling fast dragging along the carriages. Inside the train engine we see a child's hand. Slowly the hand reaches to the whistle lever and he pull the lever making a continuous horn.

At the train gate spot, the father hears the train whistle and steps outside. The train appears to his view and he waves to the train in a bliss. Inside the train we see our hero, child along with the train engineers keeps pulling the whistle and waves to his loving father as they pass by.