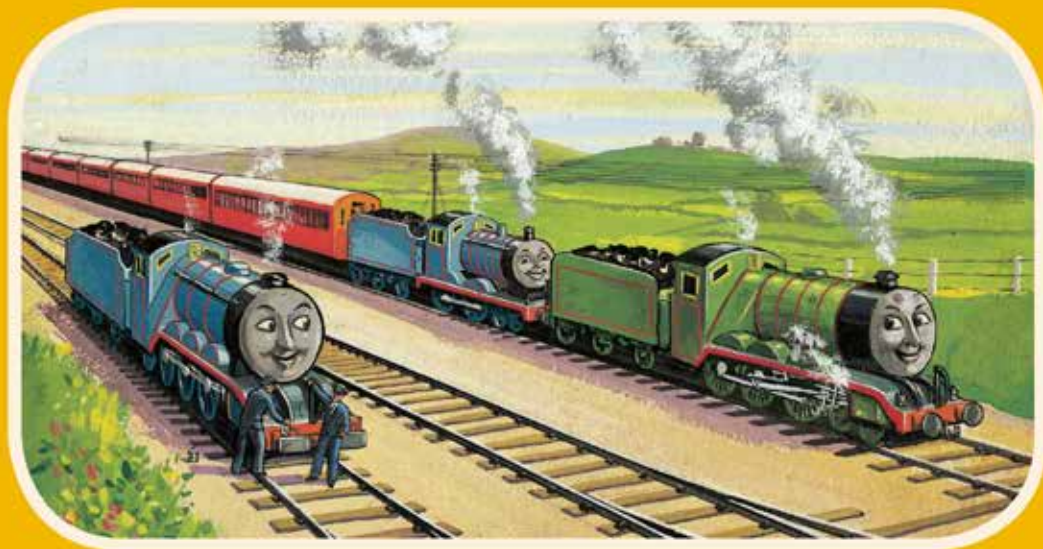


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*Happy Birthday, Liam*

*Hope you enjoy this book. Love, Dad*





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The *Three Railway Engines* is the first book in the famous “Railway Series” by the Rev. W. Awdry it was first published in May 1945.

In it he tells of Edward, Gordon and Henry who lived in the same shed and who were always boasting and quarrelling amongst themselves until, after a series of adventures, they found that it is best to be good friends and to help each other.

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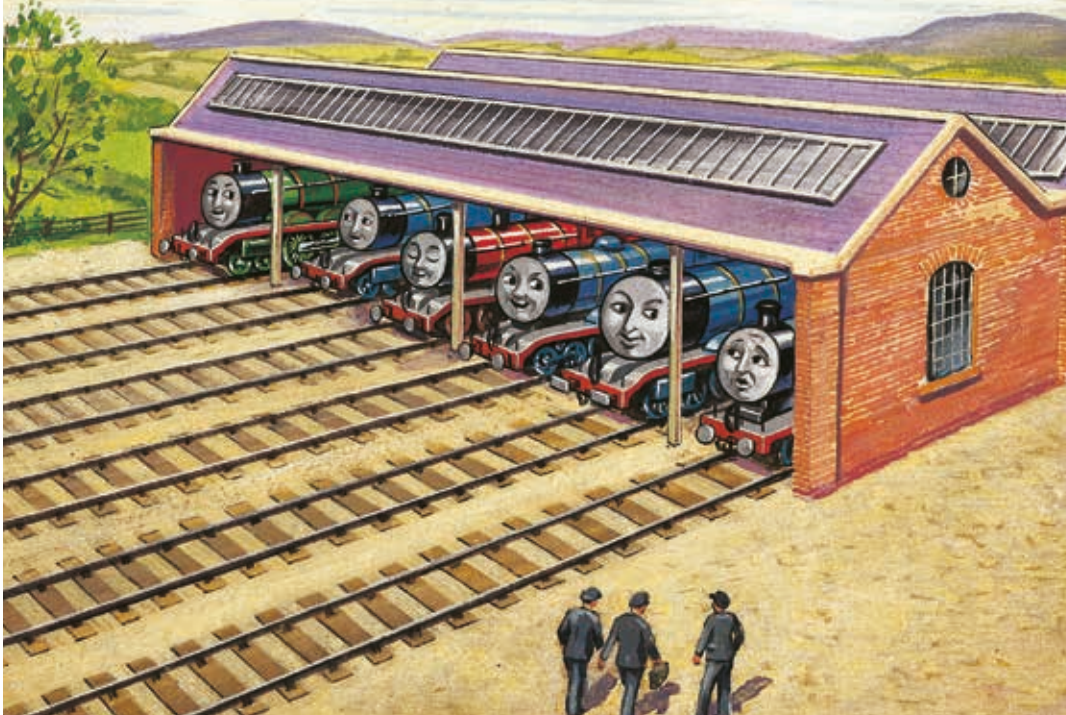
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## **EDWARD'S DAY OUT**

Once upon a time there was a little engine called Edward. He lived in a shed with five other engines. They were all bigger than Edward and boasted about it. “The Driver won’t choose you again,” they said. “He wants big, strong engines like us.” Edward had not been out for a long time; he began to feel sad.

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Just then the Driver and Fireman came along to start work.

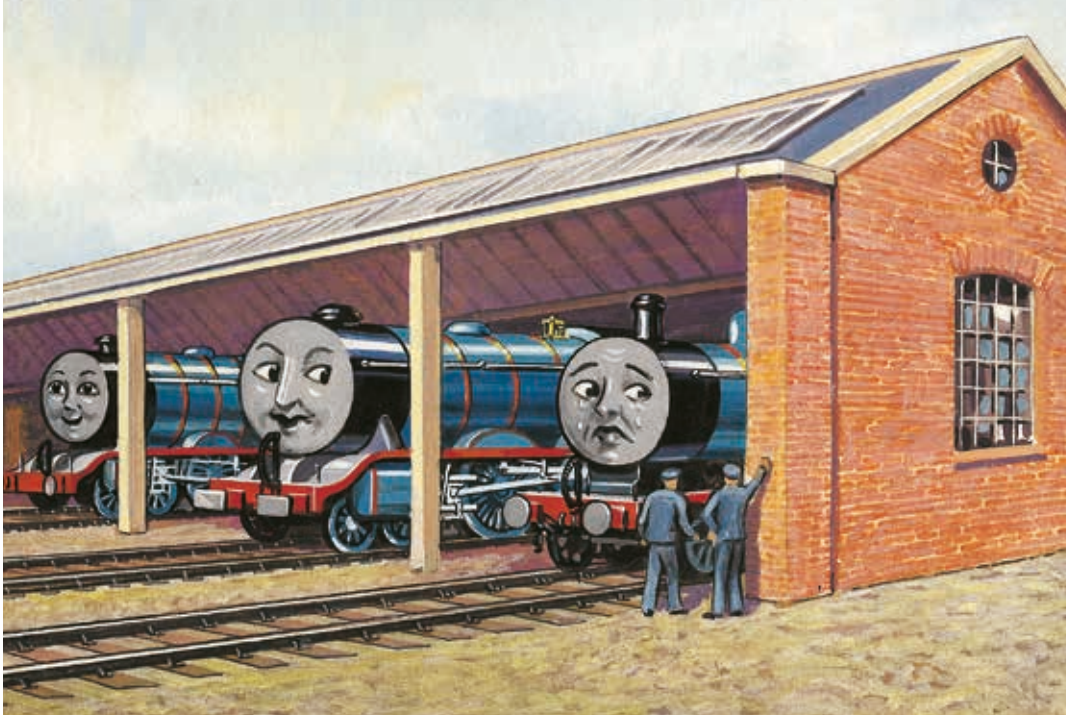
The Driver looked at Edward. “Why are you sad?” he asked.  
“Would you like to come out today?”

“Yes, please,” said Edward. So the Fireman lit the fire and made a nice lot of steam.



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Then the Driver pulled the lever, and Edward puffed away.  
“Peep, peep,” he whistled. “Look at me now.”  
The others were very cross at being left behind.  
Away went Edward to get some coaches.

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“Be careful, Edward,” said the coaches, “don’t bump and bang us like the other engines do.” So Edward came up to the coaches, very, very gently, and the shunter fastened the coupling.

“Thank you, Edward,” said the coaches. “That was kind, we are glad you are taking us today.”

Then they went to the station where the people were waiting.

“Peep, peep,” whistled Edward — “get in quickly, please.”

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