

Jinty, Bear and the Snow

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("winter weather" - 1941 is playing) (opens with bear racing down the line with the limited through the white snowy countryside) (close up titles sequence in rhythm with music) (bear now enters tidmouth with jinty whistling at him while shutting (there's a radio by a workman) bear honks in reply with a smile.) (fade) (title)

EXT - TIDMOUTH SHEDS (RWS) - EVENING

Bear:

(shivers) It was freezing out on the mainline again today!

Jinty:

No kidding. Most of my jobs today were to do with either clearing the tracks of snow! Or heating up the coaches for the passengers, At least you got to go and have a long run from vicarstown today.

Bear:

You've just been cooped up in the yard for too long i think

Jinty:

I guess you could say that.

Bear:

Well the mainline isn't all it's cracked up to be you know. I was delayed at almost every signal, due to some form of blockage. You may want to leave the safety of these yards, however the mainline in winter is a different beast entirely!

Jinty:

Pah! I doubt that very much have you seen how many tracks there are here!

Bear:

Well! For example those cuttings just before Killdane are a right bother, there always getting clogged with snow!

Jinty:

Oh whatever. Hey bear? Where's Edward? He said he was going to stay up here the night.

Bear:

He's probably gone to stay with the other engines in that new shed over there. It's an eyesore let me tell you, if it weren't for those hills the it would be seen for miles around. *(coughs)*

Jinty:

Are you ok bear?

Bear:

Oh i'll be fine little shunter it's the cold getting to my engine is all. *(yawn)* well i'm going to get some shut eye. The limited waits for no engine.

Jinty:

Goodnight Bear *(looks worriedly over to bear who is now asleep)* *(sigh)*

(shot of sun dipping below the hills) (fades to black) (sound of a snowy wind) (fades from black to the sunrising) (mr blue sky is on the radio) (establishing shots of snow everywhere)

EXT - TIDMOUTH SHEDS (RWS) AGAIN - MORNING

Jinty:

(yawn) *(sound of coal being shoveled)* ah morning Douglas what are you doing here.

Douglas:

Oh I came to stay here after last night's goods train. Besides i need to fill up on coal and water.

Jinty:

Ah well that's fine. *(engine sputter)* Good morning Bear

Douglas:

Oh hello Bear, your engines growling still I see

Bear:

(Is coughing as engine doesn't quite turn over)

Jinty:

You alright there bear?

Bear:

(cough) no i'm not jinty my engine just won't start seems my engines just not turning over. *(sigh)* *Cough* it's this blasted cold weather freezing me up it would happen now just when i was due for a trip to the works.

Douglas:

Well i can take you on my next goods train bound for crovan's gate

Bear:

Oh that would be lovely douglas but who will take my train?

Jinty:

I'm sure one of the other engines could take it!

Workman:

(Huffing and puffing) the line to the new sheds are blocked the engines can't get out. i've sent for other engines to clear the snow but one of you will need to take at least one load of passengers out of tidmouth!

Jinty:

(thinking face) douglas you take bear with your goods train. I'll take the passengers

Douglas:

Are you sure lad. It would be a big train for such a wee little engine like you.

Jinty:

I'll manage i suppose even if i have to take 2 trips!

Workmen:

Alright then it's settled then

(walks away)

(jinty goes to collect the coaches)

Jinty:

Come on jinty time to leave the yard and see the snowy countryside for yourself! Besides how hard could it be...

(he couples up and collects the passengers from the station then starts to head out of the platform)

Jinty:

(wheels are slipping) (groans) come on (does it and exits station and enters the main line) haha i've done it, i've done it!

*(fade)jinty is rushing down the line similar to opening)
(montage of jinty passing through stations but then he soon comes near Killdane)*

EXT - CUTTING NEAR KILLDANE - DAY

Jinty:

Steady, steady no need to rush through here (ghostly repeat of bear's words) Must be careful, must be care full.

Coach:

Of what?

Jinty:

(whistles and brakes to a halt) that!

(huge wall of snow is blocking the cutting)

Jinty:

Thats fine ill just go back to the signal box

(brake coach is on frozen points jumps the rails and derails)

Jinty:

Oh bother! (whistles) help! (fades out)

(Douglas and Bear are coming down the line with the goods)

Douglas:

And then i said...Laus sacks bear stop! (douglas stops just shigh of brake coach)

Jinty:

Douglas...Bear is that you?

Bear:

Yes it's us, so are you liking your time out on the mainline?

Jinty:

No i'm not, i think i'll stick to the yards nexttime.

Douglas:

It's a good thing my goods train has salt in its wagons. that should help to melt the snow.

Bear:

Right, now let's get you out.

EXT - CROVAN'S GATE WORKS - EVENING

Douglas:

So no more galavanting onto the main line then jinty?

Jinty:

Something like that

Bear:

(sigh) thanks for helping to get me hear jinty. you do know what i mean now buy the mainline being another beast entirely, right.

Jinty:

Definitely.

(screen does white fuzzy)

INT - THE BOX - N/A

C&C Jinty:

And that's why i'm a excentric time traveling engine. Because by jesus *(under breath)* or other god. that was boring! jinty learnt nothing apart from not to venture out on the mainline in winter! what sort of a message is that sending! Like who wrote this! Not me i'd write something far better than this rubbish. *(keeps rambling)*

Eric:

Why is my life this way.

(cuts to black)

(credits)