

Toy Trains and Training Pants

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Three year olds can snap small tracks and lay them side by side
Then add miniature coupled cars which the "invisibles" can ride.
Down on the floor on hands and knees are the happy engineers
Shouting "All aboard" and whistle blasts and the sound of chugging gears.

There are places away from the city where you can lie in bed and hear
The soothing sound of a freight train as it slowly lumbers near.
There is solace in that rumbling when the warning signals play
Reassuring you you're safe as it travels on its way.

If you like jazz, you know the man called "TRANE"
and the music he could make,
That mellow saxophone of his
left all others in his wake.

If you want to learn to do anything you can find a trainer willing
To take the time to teach you to do whatever you find thrilling.
You can find someone to train your dog who'll then become more tame
And if you called him "Bad Dog" you'll have to change his name.

There are training pants for toddlers and training bras for tweens,
And despite my broad experience I don't know what that means.
Can pants and bras train anyone? I just don't think that's true.
It would make our lives much easier but how about you?