

HS2

Oh! Mr. Porter, what shall I do?
I wanted to go to Manchester
And travel on HS2.
Speed was of the essence,
A relative was ill
And I needed to have a word with her
About beneficiaries in her will.
I made my way to Euston,
No direct trains to board
So went to Old Oak Common
Desperate to see Aunt Maud.
I went via Willesden Station
On the no 19 bus,
Took 1hr and 9mns
And involved a lot of fuss.
The ticket was expensive
But they had to cover cost
On aborted plans to go to Leeds
And all the billions lost.
I settled down to travel,
Pleased I didn't have to drive,
Expected to get to Manchester
In 1hr 55.
But after 40 minutes
My expectations took a drop
'All change, all change'
I thought it strange,
'Birmingham last stop'.
Now, Birmingham's not awful,
New Street Station is quite nice
But when you need to go to Manchester
The Midlands won't suffice.
1hr and 40 later
I was naively hopeful still
Of seeing my dear old Auntie
And adjustments to the will.
But making it to Manchester
Had taken me all day
And whilst I was stuck in Birmingham
Aunt Maud had passed away.

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