

Wreck of the Old 97

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^D They give him his orders at Monroe, Virginia
^D ^G
Saying Steve you're way behind time
^D ^A
This is not 38, but it's old 97
^D ^G
you must put her in Spencer on time
^D ^A ^D

^D He looked 'round and said to his black lazy fireman
^D ^G
Just shovel in a little more coal
^D ^A
and when we cross that White Oak Mountain
^D ^G
You can watch old 97 roll
^D ^A ^D

^D It's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville
^D ^G
and a line on a three mile grade
^D ^A
It was on that grade that he lost his airbrakes
^D ^G
And you see what a jump he made
^D ^A ^D

^D He was goin' down grade making ninety miles an hour
^D ^G
when his whistle broke in to a scream
^D ^A
He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle
^D ^G
And was scalded to death with the steam
^D ^A ^D

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Gather round you ladies, you must take warning

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From this time now and on

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Never speak harsh words to your true loving husband

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He may leave you and never return