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## Eddy Arnold "Wreck Of The Old 97"

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They gave him his orders at Monroe Virginia Sayin' Steve you're way behind time
This is not 38 but this it's old 97
You must put her in Spencer on time

He turned around and said to his black greasy fireman Just shovel on a little more coal And when we cross that White Oak Mountain You can watch old 97 roll

He was goin' down the grade makin' 90 miles an hour His whistle broke into a scream He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle A scalded to death by the steam

It's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville With a line on a three mile grade It was on this grade that he lost his air brakes And he see what a jump we made

He was goin' down the grade...
[ harmonica ]
So come on you ladies you must take a warning
From this time on and learn
Never speak harsh words to your true loving husband
He may leave you and never return

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