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Flatt & Scruggs "Wreck Of The '97"

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They handed him his orders in Monroe Virgina They said, "Steve, You're way behind time And it's not 48, it's old 97 Just put her into Danville on time"

Well he climbed into the cab And turned to his fireman said, "Shovel in a little more coal Cause when we reach that big White Mountain Jusy watch ole 97 roll"

It's a long lonesome road from Monroe to Danville And it lies on a 3 mile grade It was on that grade that he lost his air brakes You should have seen the jump that he made

He came rolling down the mountain doing 90 miles an hour
When his whistle broke into a scream
He was found in the wreck with his hand still on the throttle

Now all you railroad ladies take warning >From this time out and learn Never speak hars words to your true-living husband He may leave you and never return

He was scaulded to death my the steam.

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