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I was riding Number Nine,
Heading South from Caroline.
I heard that lonesome whistle blow.
I didn't trouble had to roam,
I left my gal, I left my home.
I heard that lonesome whistle blow.

Just a kid acting smart,
I went and broke my darling's heart.
I guess I was too young to know.
They took me off the Georgia Main,
Locked me to a ball and chain.
I heard that lonesome whistle blow.

All alone I bear the shame,
I'm a number, not a name.
I heard that lonesome blow.
All I do is sit and cry,
When that evening train goes by.
I heard that lonesome blow.

I'll be locked here in this cell,
'Till my body's just a shell;
And my hair turns whiter than snow.
I'll never see that gal of mine,
I'm in Georgia doing time.
I heard that lonesome whistle blow.

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