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Johnny Cash "The Wreck Of The Old '97"

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Well they gave him his orders at Monroe, Virginia, Said: "Steve, you're way behind time,

"This is not 38, this is OI' 97,

"Put her into Spencer on time."

Then he turned around and said to his black, greasy fireman,

"Shovel on a little more coal.

"And when we cross that White Oak mountain,

"Watch Ol' '97 roll."

And then a telegram come from Washington station, This is how it read:

"Oh that brave engineer that run ol 97,

"Is lyin in old Danville dead."

'Cos he was going down a grade making 90 miles an hour,

The whistle broke into a scream.

He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle, Scalded to death by the steam.

One more time!

Oh, now all you ladies you'd better take a warning, From this time on and learn.

Never speak hard words to your true-lovin' husband.

He may leave you and never return.

Poor Boy.

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