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## Johnny Mercer ''Wreck Of The Old 97''

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Well, they gave him his orders at Monroe, Virginia Sayin', "Steve you're way behind time This is not Thirty-Eight but it is old Ninety-Seven you must put her into Spencer on time."

He turned and said to his black greasy fireman "Shovel on some more coal And when we cross that White Oak Mountain You can watch old Ninety-Seven roll."

It's a mighty rough road from lynchburg to danville And Lima's a three mile grade It was on this grade when he lost his air brakes And you see what a job he made

He was going down the grade makin' ninety miles an hour

When his whistle broke into a scream He was found in the wreck, with his hand on the throttle,

scalded to death by the steam

Hey come on you ladies you must take warnin' From this time on and learn Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband He may leave you and never return Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband He may leave you and never return

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