Michael Martin Murphey "Cherokee Fiddle"

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When the train pulled in to the station
He slicked back his hair, rosined up his bow
Fiddle upside down, Orange Blossom Special
If you want to make a living then you've got to put on a
good show

When he smelled the smoke and the cinders Rolled his sleeves up, opened up his case Played Cherokee Fiddle, played for the whiskey Good whiskey never let him lose his place

He was always there playing for the miners Devil's Dream was a tune they all understood Then he'd go home to Oklahoma And wait 'till the trains were runnin' and the weather was good

When he smelled the smoke and the cinders Rolled his sleeves up, opened up his case

Played Cherokee Fiddle, played for the whiskey Good whiskey never let him lose his place

Now the Indians are dressin' up like cowboys And the cowboys are puttin' leather and turquoise on And the music gets sold by the lawyers And the fools who fiddled in the middle of the stations are gone

Some folks say they'll never miss them Fiddle screeched like the engine break Ol' Cherokee Fiddle gone forever Like the sound that the whistle on an old locomotive make

So when you smell the smoke and the cinders Slick your hair back, open up your case Play Cherokee Fiddle, play for the whiskey Good whiskey never let's you lose your place No, good whiskey never let's you lose your place

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