

## Townes Van Zandt "FFV"

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Well, along come the FFV the swiftest on the line  
Running long the C&O road 20 min behind  
Running in the Subhill Headquarters on the line  
Receivin' their strict orders from a station just behind

Well, Georgie's mother come to him with a bucket on  
her arm  
Saying my darlin' boy be careful how you run  
Well, it's many a man has lost his life in trying to make  
lost time  
But if you run your engine right you'll make it just on  
time

Aw, but off of the road she darted and into the rocks  
she crashed  
Well the engine she laid upside down and Georgie's  
breast was smashed  
Well his head lay against the firebox door and the  
flames were rolling high  
Well I'm proud to be born for an engineer on the C&O  
road to die

Well, the doctor come to Georgie my darlin' boy be still  
Well, your life can yet be saved if it is god's bless it will  
Oh, no, no, it will not do, I wanna fly so free  
Well I wanna die with the engine I love a hundred forty  
three

Then the doctor said to Georgie well you're life cannot  
be saved  
Murdered out on the railroad, laid in a lonesome grave  
But his face was all covered up with blood, his eyes  
they could not see  
And the very last words that G spoke were near my god  
to thee

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