

Wreck Of The Old 97

Traditional

Up Tempo

Musical score for 'Wreck Of The Old 97'. The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is on the top staff, and the lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (D, G, A) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are: 'Oh they gave him his orders in Mon roe Vir gin ia say ing Steve you're way be hind time This is not thir ty eight but it's old Nine ty Sev en you must put her in to Spen cer on time'.

Oh, they ^Dgave him his orders in ^GMonroe, Virginia, saying,
“^DSteve, you're way behind ^Atime
This is not 38, this is ^GOld 97
You must ^Dput her into ^ASpencer on ^Dtime”.

He turned and he said to his tired, greasy fireman,
“Shovel in a little more coal
And when we cross the White Oak Mountain
Just watch old 97 roll”.

It's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville
A line on a three mile grade
It was on this grade that he lost his leverage
You can see what a jump he made

He was going down the grade making 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

Now all you ladies, please take warning
From this time now and learn
Never speak harsh words to your true living husband
He may leave and never return