

# Wreck of the Old 97

by Johnny Cash

## VERSE 1

Well, they **G** gave him his orders at **C** Monroe, Virginia  
Sayin' **G** Steve you're way behind **D** time  
This is **G** not Thirty Eight, this is **C** Old Ninety-Seven  
You must **G** put her into **D** Spencer on **G** time

## CHORUS

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On a **G** line with a three mile **D** grade  
It was **G** on that grade that he **C** lost his air brakes  
**G** See what a **D** jump he **G** made

## VERSE 2

So he **G** turned round and said to his **C** black greasy fireman  
**G** Shovel on a little more **D** coal  
And **G** when we cross that **C** wide oak mountain  
**G** Watch Old Ninety-**D** Seven **G** roll

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## VERSE 3

He was **G** goin' down the grade makin' **C** ninety miles an hour  
His **G** whistle broke into a **D** scream  
He was **G** found in the wreck with his **C** hand on the throttle  
**G** a-scalded to **D** death by the **G** steam

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## VERSE 4

So now, **G** all you ladies you **C** better take a warnin'  
From **G** this time on and **D** learn  
Never **G** speak harsh words to your true **C** lovin' husband  
He may **G** leave you and **D** never **G** return

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