

## THE WRECK OF THE OLD 97

4/4 time, 200 bps, Key of G, Capo to Voice (Breaks are optional)

### VERSE 1

G C  
Oh they gave him his orders down in Monroe, Virginia, Saying,  
G D  
"Steve, you're way behind time;  
G C  
This is not Thirty-Eight, but it's Old Ninety Seven,  
G D G  
You must put her into Spencer on time."

### VERSE 2

G C  
Then He turned 'round and said to his tired, greasy fireman,  
G D  
"Just shovel in a little more coal;  
G C  
And when we reach that White Oak Mountain,  
G D G  
You just watch Old Ninety Seven roll."

### VERSE 3

G C  
It's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville,  
G D  
With a climb on a three mile grade;  
G C  
It was on that grade that he lost his air brakes,  
G D G  
You can see what a jump he made.

### VERSE 4

G C  
He was comin' down the grade, doing ninety miles an hour,  
G D  
When his whistle broke into a scream;  
G C  
He was found in the wreck, with his hand on the throttle.  
G D G  
He was scalded to death by the steam.

### VERSE 5

G C  
Oh now, all you ladies, you had bet-ter take this warning,  
G D  
From this time now and learn:  
G C  
Never speak harsh words to your true love or husband,  
G D G  
He may leave you and never return.