

I Heard That Lonesome Whistle

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He was riding Number 9
Heading south from Caroline
He heard that long lonesome whistle blowGot in trouble, had to roam
Left his gal and left his home
He heard that long lonesome whistle blowJust a kid, acting smart
He went and broke his darling's heart
I guess he was too young to knowThey took him off the Georgia Main
Locked him to a ball and chain
He heard that long lonesome whistle blowAll alone he bears the shame
He's a number, not a name
He heard that long lonesome whistle blowAll he does is sit and cry
When the evening train goes by
He heard that long lonesome whistle blowHe'll be locked there in this cell
'Til his body's just a shell
And his hair turns whiter than snowHe'll never see that gal he pines
He's in Georgia doing time
He heard that long lonesome whistle blow

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