

# I Heard That Lonesome Whistle

## Johnny Cash

I was riding Number Nine  
Heading south from Caroline  
I heard that lonesome whistle blowGot in trouble, had to roam  
Left my gal an' left my home  
I heard that lonesome whistle blowJust a kid, acting smart  
I went and broke my darling's heart  
I guess I was too young to knowThey took me off the Georgia Main  
Locked me to a ball and chain  
I heard that lonesome whistle blowAll alone, I bear the shame  
I'm a number, not a name  
I heard that lonesome whistle blowAll I do is sit an' cry  
When the evening train goes by  
I heard that lonesome whistle blowI'll be locked here in this cell  
'Till my body's just a shell  
An' my hair turns whiter than snowI'll never see that gal of mine  
Lord, I'm in Georgia doing time  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow

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