

# (i Heard That) Lonesome Whistle

**Hank Williams**

I was ridin' Number Nine, heading south from Caroline  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow  
Got in trouble, had to roam, left my gal and left my home  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow  
Just a kid acting smart, I went and broke my darling's heart  
I guess I was too young to know  
They took me off to Georgia Main, locked me to a ball and chain  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow  
All alone I bear the shame, I'm a number not a name  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow  
All I do is sit and cry when the evening train goes by  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow  
I'll be locked here in this cell till my body's just a shell  
And my hair turns whiter than the snow  
I'll never see that gal of mine, Lord, I'm in Georgia doing time  
I heard that lonesome whistle blow

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