Fireball Rolled a Seven

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Somewhere in South Carolina near a dirt track there's a shrine

Erected to the memory of a little 'ole friend of mine

A natural born dirt dauber, car racing was his game

He rolled 'ole number 7 Fireball was his nameWith the makings of a honker and a roll of bailing wire

He tied his hopes together and just set them tracks on fire

Three hundred fifty on the hood; a big 7 on each door

In his heart a will to win and his right foot on the floorHis motto was a simple one "Stand on it and turn left.

If someone's gonna beat you make him run"

All he knew was ???? and always lead the rest

Fireball rolled a seven and he won. He took the world 600, the old Atlanta 5

Bristol, Richmond, Nashville, Daytona for the ride

The hotdogs laid it on him. They'd draft, chart, and sweat.

But Fireball rolled a seven, the kind that's hard to get. He had the pole at Darlington; he won it off the rail.

And he run away at Charlotte, 600 miles of Hell.

A slingshot sewed up Petty; he was out in front real fast.

A checkered flag was in the bag; nobody would get past. He was flat out in that back shoot; only 3 laps from the start.

When he saw a yellow bumper cross up and come apart.

A rookie and a shaker, runnin' scared and lost it all.

A hush fell on that crowd; number 7 took the wall. His old skidlid hangs in the hall, the little chargers gone,

To save a friend he laid it on the line.

His old poncho is rust and bound, but his memory still lives on.

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