

# Wabash Cannonball/Tolono

Utah Phillips

Listen to the jingle the rumble and the roar as she glides along the woodland  
ore the hills and by the shore  
hear the rush of the mighty engine hear the lonesome hobos call  
he's riding through the jungle on the Wabash cannon ballVERSE  
now the western states are dandies so the southern people say from Chicago  
and St. Louis  
and Peoria by the way  
to the lake of Minnesota where the rippling waters flow no chances to be  
taken on  
the Wabash cannon ballVERSE  
she pulled in to the station one cold December day  
as she rolled up to the platform you could hear all the people say  
now theirs a gal from Birmingham she's Elong and she's tall she came down  
from Georgia  
on the Wabash cannon ballVERSE  
now heres to daddy claxton may his name forever stand  
and always be remembered in the courts of all the land  
his earthly race is over and as the curtain falls  
we'll carry him back to Dixie on the Wabash cannon ball  
Wabash CannonballI was headed for Tolono on the Wabash Cannonball  
Norfolk and Western all the way  
St. Louis down the line, Detroit somewhere behind  
I thought I heard that old conductor sayNo round trip ticket, you're on the final run  
This Cannonball is never comin' back  
Tomorrow she'll just be another memory  
And an echo down a rusty railroad trackI got off at Tolono, just below Champagne  
A flagstop on the edge of yesterday  
The whistle blew a song, I whispered "So long"  
Waved my hand and slowly walked awayNo round trip ticket, you're on the final run  
This Cannonball is never comin' back  
Tomorrow she'll just be another memory  
And an echo down a rusty railroad trackI think about tomorrow, wonder why it is  
We give up all the things we love the most  
Goodbye, you old hog. I'll have to ride the Dog  
Till they build a subway coast to coastBut no round trip ticket, you're on the final run  
This Cannonball is never comin' back  
Tomorrow she'll just be another memory  
And an echo down a rusty railroad track

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