

Lynnville Train

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The lonsome oak tree held its fire into November
He watched the last brown leaf hit the ground, and blow away
An evening gunshot lets him the hunt is over
A familiar cold moves in, somewhere between snow and rain.

Just last spring you know his hart was burnin'
Before his Lynnville Love hit the road to chase her dreams
Now he thinks of her each night, and in the morning, he laces h
is coffee cup with whiskey instead of cream

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He blew a tire on the road down to the station,
He jacked it up, and thought out loud: "She never should've let
me down"
Just six months ago she vowed she was leaving, now she's coming
home with a stranger, to settle down in Lynnville Town

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Steel wheels scream, the whistle blows, his heart is breaking,
She steps on to the platform, her new love by her side,
He reaches in his coat, his hand is shakin'
Time has finally come, this really is goodbye,

His story is he's changed his mind, he just can't help himself,
So he's getting on the Lynnville Train, and movin; someplace el
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As the train pulls out, he watches them both, standin' the pour
in' rain
He's headed for a new life down the line, on the Lynnville Trai
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For better or worse, he's leavin' town, on the Lynnville Train