Bad news travels like wildfire
Good news travels slow
They call me old wildfire
'Cause everybody knows
That I'm bad news
Everywhere I go
Always getting into trouble
And leaving little girls who hate to see me go

I picked peaches down in Georgia
Lumber jacked up in Maine
I've been hired and fired and jailed
In every state you can name
'Cause I'm bad news
Everywhere I go
Always getting into trouble
And leaving little girls who hate to see me go

From north to south

From east to west

The stories is the same

From one state to the other

I have to change my name

'Cause I'm bad news

Everywhere I go

Always getting into trouble

And leaving little girls who hate to see me go

Now they tried to hang me down in Oakland
And they did in San Frisco
But I wouldn't choke
And I broke their rope
And they had to let me go
'Cause I'm bad news
Everywhere I go
Always getting into trouble
And leaving little girls who hate to see me go

Bad news
Oh talkin' bad news
Bad news
Talkin' about bad news