

## The Legend

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John Henry just to mention some names  
But there's a truck driving legend in the south today  
A man called Bandit from Atlanta G.A.

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He's gonna go to glory riding 18 wheels

He left Atlanta back in '63  
Calling him the loner from Tennessee  
He hit Monteville in the driving rain  
So hard he couldn't even see the passing lane

Well, he started down the grade when he lost the gear  
He hit them brakes found he had no air  
The Monteville grade is steep and long  
And everybody that seen it thought the Bandit was gone

Well, his truck jack-knifed, turned completely 'round  
He was coming down backwards 'bout the speed of sound  
A lot of folks seen him and they all say  
He had his head out the window yelling, "Clear the way"

Well, he got to the bottom safe and sound  
Everybody asked Bandit how he made it down  
He said folks when the truck picked up too much speed  
I just run along beside it and drug my feet

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