

## Talking Casey

Mississippi John Hurt

TALKIN' CASEY (open E tuning)  
(from the Oberlin College Concert) E throughout...

Casey, Casey Don't leave me here  
Casey Jones Please don't leave me here

Little children commenced callin' cryin', Daddy, don't  
leave me here. He could not stand this.

Daddy, Daddy, don't leave me here

He couldn't stand that. he told the fireman, said  
Get the bell, let's go.

I heard the bell, somethin' like this...

Shortly after that, he's gone. I heard the drive wheel  
jump the joints.

'Bout time he got switched 'n' runnin' he run up on  
some sheep.

Blowed for 'em to get off the tracks but they wouldn't  
get off. He had to stop his train.

Blowin' somethin' like this...

I heard him when he's cuttin' down 'fore he stopped.

Made him sort of mad when he had to stop his train,  
then he got behind time a little bit. Commenced  
cussin', here's what he said.

After that I heard him. he was runnin' so fast looked  
like them drive wheels 'bout to catch up with them  
litte truck wheels.

People all got scared, though it was gonna make a  
wreck, which it did.  
One lady commenced singin' Lord have mercy, save me  
Lord.

Well Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Save me Lord

Lord don't leave me  
Lord don't leave me  
Oh Lord don't leave me  
Save me Lord