

Ben Dewberry's Final Run

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Ben Dewberry was a brave engineer
He told his fireman don't you ever fear
All I want is the water and coal
Put your head out the window, watch the drivers roll
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Ben Dewberry said before he died
Two more roads that he wanted to ride
His fireman asked him what could they be
Said the old Northeastern and the A&B
Yeah, the A&B, he said the A&B
It's the old Northeastern and the A&B

On the fatal morning it began to rain
Around the curve come a passenger train
Ben Dewberry was the engineer
With the throttle wide open and without any fear
He didn't have no fear, he didn't have no fear
He had her runnin' wide open without any fear

Ben looked at his watch, shook his head
We may make Atlanta but we'll all be dead
The train went flyin' by the trestle'n switch
Without any warning then she took the ditch
Yeah, she went in the ditch well, she took the ditch
Without any warning then she took the ditch

The big locomotive leaped from the rail
Ben never lived to tell that awful tale
His life was ended and his work was done
When Ben Dewberry made his final run
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