

John Henry

When John Hen-ry was a lit-tle ba-by, Sit-ting on his pa-pa's knee, Well he

5 picked up a ham-mer and a lit-tle piece of steel, said "Ham-mer's gon-na be the death of

8 me, Lord, Lord, Ham-mer's gon - na be the death of me."

2. The captain said to John Henry,
"I'm gonna bring that steam drill around,
I'm gonna bring that steam drill out on the job,
I'm gonna whup that steal on down, Lord, Lord!
Whup that steel on down."

3. John Henry told his captain,
"Lord, a man ain't nothing but a man,
But before I'd let your steam drill beat me down,
I'd die with a hammer in my hand! Lord, Lord!
Die with a hammer in my hand."

4. Now the man that invented the steam drill,
He thought he was mighty fine;
But John Henry drove his fifteen feet,
And the steam drill only made nine, Lord, Lord!
The steam drill only made nine.

5. Well they took John Henry to the graveyard,
And they buried him in the sand,
And every locomotive that come rolling by,
Says, "There lies a steel driving man, Lord Lord!
There lies a steel driving man."