

**John Henry**  
**Bruce Springsteen**

**F C F A# F A# F Dm F C F**

One, two, three

**F**

Well, John Henry was a little baby

**C**

Sittin on his dady s knee

**F**

**A#**

He pick up a hammer and a little piece of steel,

**F**

**A#**

**F**

**Dm**

And, God, hammer s gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord

**F**

**C**

**F**

Hammer s gonna be the death of me

Now the captain he said to John Henry,

I m gonna bring that steam drill round

I m gonna bring that steam drill out on these tracks

I m gonna knock that steel on down, God God

Gonna knock that steel on down

John Henry told his captain,

Lord, man ain t nothin but a man

Before I let that steam drill beat me down

I m gonna die with a hammer in my hand, Lord, Lord

Die with a hammer in my hand

John Henry driving on the right side

That steam drill driving on the left

Says, Before I ll let your steam drill beat me down

I m gonna hammer myself to death, Lord, Lord

I ll hammer my fool self to death

Well, captain said to John Henry,

What is that stone out here?

John Henry said, That ain t no stone

Captain, that s just my hammer in here, Lord, Lord

That s just my hammer in here

John Henry said to his shaker

Shaker, why don t you sing?

Cause I m swigin thirty pounds from my hips on down

Yeah, listen to my cold steel ring, Lord, Lord

Listen to my cold steel ring

Come on ???!

I wanna hear that banjo too!

Now John Henry, he hammered in the mountains  
His hammer was striking fire  
But he worked so hard, he broke his heart  
John Henry laid his hammer and died, Lord, Lord  
John Henry laid down his hammer and died

Well, now John Henry, he had him a woman  
Her name was Polly Ann  
She walked down to those tracks, picked up John Henry s hammer  
Polly drove steel like a man, Lord, Lord  
Polly drove that steel like a man

Well every, every Monday morning  
When the bluebird he begin to sing  
You can hear John Henry from a mile or more  
You can hear John Henry s hammer ring, Lord, Lord  
You can hear John Henry s hammer ring  
Say that again!  
So you can hear John Henry s hammer ring, Lord, Lord  
You can hear John Henry s hammer ring  
Come on! Woah!