

John Henry

Misc Traditional

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Tuning: standard

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Verse 1:

D

Well every monday morning

C G A

When the bluebirds begin to sing

D G7

You can see John Henry out on the line

D

You can hear John Henry s hammering

A7 D

Lord lord you can hear John Henry s hammering

Verse 2:

D

When John Henry was a little baby

C G C

Sittin on his daddy s knee

D G7

He picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel

D

Said hammer s gonna be the death of me

A7 D

Hammer s gonna be the death of me

Verse 3:

D

Well the captain said to john henry

C G C

Gonna bring me a steam drill round

D G7

Gonna bring me a steam drill out on the job

D

Gonna whup that steel on down

A7 D

Oh Lord gonna whup that steel on down

Verse 4:

D

John Henry said to his captain

C G A

A man ain t nothin but a man

D G7

And before I let that steam drill beat me down

D

I ll die with a hammer in my hand

A7

D

Oh Lord I ll die with a hammer in my hand

Verse 5:

D

John Henry he drove fifteen feet

C

G

A

The steam drill only made nine

D

G7

But he hammered so hard he broke his heart

D

And he laid down his hammer and died

A7

D

Oh Lord he laid down his hammer and died

Verse 6:

D

The took john henry to the graveyard

C

G

A

And the buried hin in the sand

D

G7

And every locomotive comes a roaring by

D

Says there lies a steel driving man

A7

D

Oh Lord there lies a steel driving man