

John Henry Chords

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[D]Well John Henry was a little baby
Sittin' on his [C]dad[G]dy's [A] knee
He picked [D]up a hammer and a [G] little piece of [G7] steel
And cried, "[D]Hammer's gonna [A]be death of [D]me, Lord, [G7]Lord
[D]Hammer's gonna [A7]be the death of [D]me"

[D]Now the captain he said to John Henry
"I'm gonna bring that [C] steam [G] drill [A] around
I'm gonna [D] bring that steam drill out [G]on these [G7] tracks
I'm gonna [D] knock that [A] steel on [D] down, God, [G7] God
I'm gonna [D] knock that [A7] steel on [D] down"

[D]John Henry told his captain
"Lord a man ain't [C]nothin' [G]but a [A]man
But [D] "'fore I let that [G] steam drill beat me [G7] down
I'm gonna [D] die with a [A] hammer in my [D] hand, Lord, [G7] Lord
I'll [D] die with a [A7] hammer in my [D] hand"

[D]John Henry driving on the right side
That steam drill [C]driving [G]on the [A]left
Says, [D]'fore I let your steam [G] drill beat me [G7]own
I'm gonna [D] hammer mys[A]elf to [D] death, Lord, [G7] Lord,
I'll [D] hammer my [A7] fool self to [D] death"

[D]Well captain said to John Henry
"What is that [C]storm [G]I [A] hear?"
John [D] Henry said, "That ain't no [G] storm [G7] captain
That's [D] just my [A] hammer in the [D] air, Lord, [G7] Lord
That's [D] just my [A7] hammer in the [D] air"

[D]John Henry said to his shaker
"Shaker, why [C]don't [G]you [A] sing?
Cause I'm [D] swingin' thirty pounds from my [G]hips on [G7] down
Yeah, [D] listen to my [A] cold steel [D] ring, Lord [G7] Lord
[D]Listen to my [A7] cold steel [D] ring"

[D]That John Henry he hammered in the mountains
His hammer was [C] striki[G]ng [A] fire
But he [D] worked so hard it [G] broke his [G7] heart
John [D] Henry laid [A] down his hammer and [D] died, Lord, [G7] Lord
John [D] Henry laid [A7] down his hammer and [D] died

[D]Well, now John Henry he had him a woman
By the name of [C]Pol[G]ly [A]Ann
She walked [D] out to those tracks picked up [G] John Henry's [G7] hammer
And [D] Polly drove [A] steel like a [D] man, Lord, [G7] Lord
[D] Polly drove that [A7] steel like a [D] man

[D]Well every, every Monday morning
When a blue bird [C]he beg[G]ins to [A] sing
You can [D] hear John Henry from a [G] mile or [G7] more
You can [D] hear John [A] Henry's hammer [D] ring, Lord, [G7] Lord
You can [D] hear John [A7] Henry's hammer [D] ring
I said you can hear John [A] Henry's hammer [D] ring, Lord, [G7] Lord
You can [D] hear John [A7] Henry's hammer [D] ring