John Henry (Traditional / Pete Seeger version) Key C						
С	C	BARITONE				
When John Henry was a little baby Bb F G	Now the man who invented that steam drill, Bb F G	C				
Sittin' on his dad-dy's knee C F7	Man, he thought he was migh-ty fine, C F7	9				
He picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel	But John Henry drove fifteen feet C					
Said hammer's gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord G7 C	And the steam drill only made nine G7 C	Dh				
Hammer's gonna be the death of me	The steam drill only made nine	Bb				
C Well the captain said to John Henry Bb F G	C John Henry hammered in the mountains, Bb F G	96				
Gonna bring me a steam drill 'round C F7	His hammer was stri-king fire, C F7					
Gonna bring me a steam drill out on the job C	But he hammered so hard he broke his heart C	G				
Gonna whup that steel on down, down, down GO Bb G	And he laid down his hammer and died G7 C					
Gonna whup that steel on down	Oh Lord he laid down his hammer and died					
	9 c					
John Henry said to his Captain Bb F G	Now John Henry had a little woman Bb F G	F				
A man ain't nothin' but a man C F7	Her name was Pol - ly Ann C F7	90				
But before I let that steam drill beat me down C	Whenever he took sick and had to go to bed,	•				
I'll die with a hammer in my hand G7 C	Polly Ann drove steel like a man, Lord, Lord G7 C					
Oh Lord I'll die with a hammer in my hand	Polly Ann drove steel like a man,	_G7				
C	C					
John Henry called to his Shaker Bb F G	Well every Monday morning Bb F G					
Man, why don't you sing? C F7	When the bluebirds be - gin to sing C F7					
'Cause I'm swingin' thirty pounds from my hips on down,	You can hear John Henry a mile or more C					
Just listen to that cold steel ring, Lord, Lord	You can hear John Henry's hammer ring G7	С				
G7 C Just listen to that cold steel ring	Lord, Lord you can hear John Henry's hamm	er ring				
c	C They took John Henry to the graveyard	F 7				
Now the Captain said to John Henry, Bb F G F7	Bb F G And the buried him in the sand	0				
I believe that mountain's caving in C F7	C F7 And every locomotive comes a-roaring by					
John Henry said right back to the Captain,	C Says there lies a steel driving man					
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind, G7 C	G7 C Oh Lord there lies a steel driving man					
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind						

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John Henry (Traditional / Pete Seeger version) Key D

D	D
When John Henry was a little baby C G A	Now the man who invented that steam drill,
Sittin' on his daddy's knee D G7	Man, he thought he was migh-ty fine, D G7
He picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel	But John Henry drove fifteen feet D 1
Said hammer's gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord A7 D	And the steam drill only made nine A7 D
Hammer's gonna be the death of me	The steam drill only made nine
D Well the captain said to John Henry	D John Henry hammered in the mountains,
Gonna bring me a steam drill 'round D G7	C G A His hammer was stri-king fire, D G7
Gonna bring me a steam drill out on the job	But he hammered so hard he broke his heart D
Gonna whup that steel on down, down, down A7 D C G	And he laid down his hammer and died A7 D
Gonna whup that steel on down	Oh Lord he laid down his hammer and died
D John Henry said to his Captain	D Now John Henry had a little woman
C G A LLL	Ć G A
A man ain't nothin' but a man G7	Her name was Pol-ly Ann A D G7
But before I let that steam drill beat me down	Whenever he took sick and had to go to bed,
I'll die with a hammer in my hand A7 D	Polly Ann drove steel like a man, Lord, Lord
Oh Lord I'll die with a hammer in my hand	Polly Ann drove steel like a man,
D	D G7
John Henry called to his Shaker C G A	Well every Monday morning C G A
Man, why don't you sing? D G7	When the bluebirds be - gin to sing O O O O O O O O O O O O O
'Cause I'm swingin' thirty pounds from my hips on down,	You can hear John Henry a mile or more
D <u>G/</u>	You can hear John Henry's hammer ring
Just listen to that cold steel ring, Lord, Lord A7 D	Lord, Lord you can hear John Henry's hammer ring
Just listen to that cold steel ring	D A7
D	They took John Henry to the graveyard
Now the Captain said to John Henry, C G A A7	C G A And the buried him in the sand
I believe that mountain's caving in O G7	D G7 And every locomotive comes a-roaring by
John Henry said right back to the Captain,	D
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind,	Says there lies a steel driving man A7 D
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind	Oh Lord there lies a steel driving man

John Henry (Traditional / Pete Seeger version) Key G			
G	G	BARITONE	
When John Henry was a little baby	Now the man who invented that steam drill,	G	
Sittin' on his daddy's knee G C7	Man, he thought he was migh-ty fine,	+++	
He picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel	But John Henry drove fifteen feet	•	
Said hammer's gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord	And the steam drill only made nine		
Hammer's gonna be the death of me	The steam drill only made nine	F	
G	G	100	
Well the captain said to John Henry F C D	John Henry hammered in the mountains, F C D	9	
Gonna bring me a steam drill 'round G C7	His hammer was stri-king fire, G C7		
Gonna bring me a steam d rill out on the job	But he hammered so hard he broke his hea	rt C	
Gonna whup that steel on down, down, down D7 G C F	And he laid down his hammer and died D7 G	9	
Gonna whup that steel on down	Oh Lord he laid down his hammer and died		
G	G	$\overline{}$	
John Henry said to his Captain F C D	Now John Henry had a little woman F C D		
A man ain't nothin' but a man C7	Her name was Pol-ly Ann G C7	<u>C7</u>	
But before I let that steam drill beat me down	Whenever he took sick and had to go to bed G	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
I'll die with a hammer in my hand D7 G	Polly Ann drove steel like a man, Lord, Lord D7 G	0 0	
Oh Lord I'll die with a hammer in my hand	Polly Ann drove steel like a man,		
G	G	D	
John Henry called to his Shaker F C D	Well every Monday morning F C D		
Man, why don't you sing? G C7	When the bluebirds be - gin to sing C7	6	
'Cause I'm swingin' thirty pounds from my hips on down,	You can hear John Henry a mile or more G		
G	You can hear John Henry's hammer ring		
Just listen to that cold steel ring, Lord, Lord D7 G	D7 Lord, Lord you can hear John Henry's hamn	G ner ring	
Just listen to that cold steel ring	G	D7	
G	They took John Henry to the graveyard		
Now the Captain said to John Henry, F C D	FC D And the buried him in the sand	0 €	
I believe that mountain's caving in G C7	G C7 And every locomotive comes a-roaring by		
John Henry said right back to the Captain,	G Says there lies a steel driving man		
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind,	D7 G Oh Lord there lies a steel driving man		
Ain't nothin' but my hammer sucking wind			