**John Henry (Traditional / Pete Seeger version) Key C**

**C**

**BARITONE**

When John Henry was a little baby

 **Bb F G**

Sittin' on his dad-dy's knee

 **C F7**

He picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel

 **C**

Said hammer's gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord

 **G7 C**

Hammer's gonna be the death of me

C

**C**

Well the captain said to John Henry

 **Bb F G**

Gonna bring me a steam drill 'round

 **C F7**

Gonna bring me a steam drill out on the job

 **C**

Gonna whup that steel on down, down, down

Bb

G

 **G7 C**

Gonna whup that steel on down

**C**

John Henry said to his Captain

 **Bb F G**

A man ain't nothin' but a man

 **C F7**

But before I let that steam drill beat me down

 **C**

F

I'll die with a hammer in my hand

 **G7 C**

Oh Lord I'll die with a hammer in my hand

**C**

John Henry called to his Shaker

 **Bb F G**

Man, why don’t you sing?

 **C F7**

 ‘Cause I’m swingin’ thirty pounds from my hips on down,

G7

 **C**

Just listen to that cold steel ring, Lord, Lord

 **G7 C**

Just listen to that cold steel ring

**C**

Now the Captain said to John Henry,

F7

 **Bb F G**

I believe that mountain’s caving in

 **C F7**

John Henry said right back to the Captain,

 **C**

Ain’t nothin’ but my hammer sucking wind,

 **G7 C**

Ain’t nothin’ but my hammer sucking wind

**C**

C

Now the man who invented that steam drill,

 **Bb F G**

Man, he thought he was migh-ty fine,

 **C F7**

But John Henry drove fifteen feet

 **C**

And the steam drill only made nine

Bb

 **G7 C**

The steam drill only made nine

**C**

John Henry hammered in the mountains,

 **Bb F G**

His hammer was stri-king fire,

 **C F7**

G

But he hammered so hard he broke his heart

 **C**

And he laid down his hammer and died

 **G7 C**

Oh Lord he laid down his hammer and died

**C**

F

Now John Henry had a little woman

 **Bb F G**

Her name was Pol - ly Ann

 **C F7**

Whenever he took sick and had to go to bed,

 **C**

Polly Ann drove steel like a man, Lord, Lord

 **G7 C**

Polly Ann drove steel like a man,

G7

**C**

Well every Monday morning

 **Bb F G**

When the bluebirds be - gin to sing

 **C F7**

You can hear John Henry a mile or more

 **C**

You can hear John Henry's hammer ring

 **G7 C**

Lord, Lord you can hear John Henry's hammer ring

F 7

**C**

They took John Henry to the graveyard

 **Bb F G**

And the buried him in the sand

 **C F7**

And every locomotive comes a-roaring by

 **C**

Says there lies a steel driving man

 **G7 C**

Oh Lord there lies a steel driving man

**John Henry (Traditional / Pete Seeger version) Key D**

**BARITONE**

**D**

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 **D G7**

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D

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