

John Henry

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When John Henry was just a little bitty boy no bigger than the
palm of your hand
His mommy looked down at John Henry and say
Well Johnny you're gonna be a steal drivin' man Lord lord
Well Johnny you're gonna be a steal drivin' man
John Henry he said to his Captain he said Captain why don't you
learn to swing
I'm drivin' forty-nine pounds from my hip on down
I love to hear that cold steel ring Lord Lord I love to hear th
at cold steel ring

John Henry had a pretty little woman and her name was Polly Ann
John Henry he took sick and he had gone to bed
Polly drove the steel like a man Lord Lord but Polly drove the
steel like a man
John Henry went up on that mountain had that steam hammer by hi
s side
Well beat that drill till the end of the line
He laid down his hammer and he cried Lord Lord he laid down his
hammer and he cried

John Henry drove the steel on that mountain till that hammer ca
ught on fire
Well the very last words I'd hear ol' John Henry say
Cool glass of water I'm gonna die Lord Lord a cool glass of wat
er I'm gonna die
Well they bury John Henry in the graveyard they laid him six fe
et under the sand
Everytime a freight train go a rollin' on by
They say yonder lies a steel drivin' man Lord Lord well yonder
lies a steel drivin' man