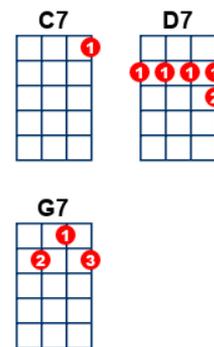


John Henry

artist:Woody Guthrie , writer:Traditional

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE307ZO3AvM> many lyric variations

Well, John [G7] Henry was a little baby, sittin' on his papa's [D7] knee
Well he [G7] picked up a hammer and [C7] little piece of steel,
Said, "[G7] Hammer's gonna be the death of [C7] me, Lord, Lord;
[G7] Hammer's gonna be the [D7] death of [G7] me"



Now the [G7] captain he said to John Henry,
"I'm gonna bring that steam drill a[D7]round
I'm gonna [G7] bring that steam drill [C7] out on the job
I'm [G7] gonna whup that steel on [C7] down, Lord, Lord
[G7] Gonna knock that [D7] steel on [G7] down"

John [G7] Henry told his captain, "Lord, man ain't nothin' but a [D7] man
Before I [G7] let your steam drill [C7] beat me down
I'm [G7] gonna die with a hammer in my [C7] hand, Lord, Lord
[G7] Die with a hammer [D7] in my [G7] hand"

John [G7] Henry said to his shaker, "Shaker, why don't you [D7] sing?
'Cause [G7] I'm swingin' thirty pounds from my [C7] hips on down
Yeah, [G7] listen to my cold steel [C7] ring, Lord, Lord
[G7] Listen to my [D7] cold steel [G7] ring"

Well, captain [G7] said to John Henry, "I believe the mountain's caving[D7] in"
John [G7] Henry said right back [C7] to the captain,
"Aint [G7] nothing but my hammer sucking [C7] wind, Lord, Lord
[G7] Aint nothing but my [D7] hammer sucking [G7] wind "

Now John [G7] Henry, he hammered in the mountains, His hammer was striking [D7] fire
But he [G7] worked so hard, he [C7] broke his poor heart
And he [G7] laid down his hammer and he [C7] died, Lord, Lord
[G7] He laid down his [D7] hammer and [G7] died

Well every, [G7] every Monday morning, when the bluebird he begin to [D7] sing
You can [G7] hear John Henry from a [C7] mile or more
You can [G7] hear John Henry's hammer [C7] ring, Lord, Lord
[G7] You can hear John Henry's [D7] hammer [G7] ring

say it again!:

So [G7] you can hear John Henry's hammer [C7] ring, Lord, Lord
[G7] You can hear John Henry's [D7] hammer [G7] ring