

John Henry 3

In G C harp – 2nd pos /Capo 2 in A – D harp /capo 4 in B – E

G		D7
When John Henry was a little baby boy		Sitting on his papa's knee
G	C	
Well he picked up his hammer and a little piece of steel said		
G	D7	G C
Hammers gonna be the death of me Lord, Lord		Hammers gonna be the death of me
G		D7
The captain said to John Henry		I'm gonna bring that steam drill around
G	C	
I'm gonna bring that steam drill out on the job		
G	D7	G C
I'm gonna whip that steel on down Lord, Lord		I'm gonna whip that steel on down
G		D7
John Henry told his captain		Lord a man ain't nothing but a man
G	C	
But before I'd let your steam drill beat me down		
G	D7	G C
I'd die with a hammer in my hand Lord, Lord		I'd die with a hammer in my hand
G		D7
John Henry said to his shaker		Shaker why don't you sing
G	C	
Because I'm swinging thirty pounds from my hips on down		
G	D7	G C
Just to listen to that cold steel ring Lord, Lord		Just to listen to that cold steel ring
G		D7
Now the captain said to John Henry		I believe that mountains caving in
G	C	
John Henry said right back to the captain		
G	D7	G C
Nothing but my hammer suckin' wind Lord, Lord		Nothing but my hammer suckin' wind
G		D7
Now the man that invented the steam drill		He thought he was mighty fine
G	C	
But John Henry drove fifteen feet		
G	D7	G C
The steam drill only made nine Lord, Lord		The steam drill only made nine
G		D7
John Henry hammered in the mountains		His hammer was striking fire
G	C	
But he worked so hard, it broke his poor, poor heart		
G	D7	G C
And he laid down his hammer and he died Lord, Lord		He laid down his hammer and he died