

## Sampson Pittman

### "John Henry"

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John Henry was a man that was known for bad fighting  
He could lay down a fellow on his back  
He could line up a railroad track, yes, baby, line up a  
railroad track

John Henry had a baby and the dress she wore was red  
And she walked up and down the railroad tracks,  
and I'm going 'round my man till I'm dead, yes, Lord  
going 'round my man till I'm dead  
Going 'round my man till I'm dead, yes, baby,  
going round my man till I'm dead

John Henry had a baby and he held [him in the palm] of  
his hand  
When he looked out in the yard and found a piece of  
steel, he said,  
"Son, let that be a piece of you, yes, baby"  
He said, "Son, let that be a piece of you"

Now, John Henry had a woman and her name was Polly  
Ann  
When John Henry laid down and died a natural death,  
Polly drove that steel just like a man, yes, Lord  
Drove that steel just like a man

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