

Justin Townes Earle

"They Killed John Henry"

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Well, when John Henry died he lay lookin' at the sun
He said Lord, take me now my work is done, Lord,
Lord " " "
Lord take me now my work is done

Yeah, but when they laid him out in that box of pine,
boy " " "
They laid that hammer by his side, Lord, Lord " " "
Laid that hammer by his side

Yeah, and Joe Hill he worked any job he could find, boy
He'd rake your leaves and pick your vine, Lord, Lord
" " " " Rake your leaves and pick your vine " " "

Yeah, and they killed Joe Hill, put a bullet to his
name " " "
But that bullet made a martyr of the same, Lord, Lord
Bullet made a martyr of the same

Yeah, and my grand daddy worked his whole damn life
Well, he never saved a nickel though he tried, Lord,
Lord
Never saved a nickel though he tried " " "

And he died in Tennessee but he couldn't find no rest
With that long road to Texas lyin' ahead, Lord Lord
Long road to Texas lyin' ahead

Yes sir, I ain't no great man and Lord I expect to see
A long life, a workin' and you're dead, Lord, Lord
A long life, a workin' and you're dead " " "

They killed John Henry, they killed John Henry
They killed John Henry but they won't kill me
Lord, they killed John Henry, they killed John
Henry " " "
They killed John Henry but they won't kill me

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