

## Porter Wagoner "John Henry"

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JOHN HENRY

(Traditional)

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John Henry was a little bitty boy sittin' on his mommy's  
knee  
When he picked up a hammer and a little piece of steel  
This hammer'd be a death of me Lord Lord this  
hammer'd be a death of me  
John Henry was a little bitty boy no bigger than a palm  
of your hand  
When his mommy looked at him proudly and said  
My Johnny'll be a steal drivin' man Lord lord hey  
Johnny'll be a steal drivin' man  
John Henry was a steel drivin' man drove steel all  
through the land  
Before he would let that steam drill beat him down  
He'd die with the hammer in his hand Lord lord he'd  
die with the hammer in his hand  
John Henry went to the tunnel drive steam drill was by  
his side  
Before he would let that steam drill beat him down  
He laid down his hammer and he cried Lord Lord he  
laid down his hammer and he cried  
John Henry went up on the mountain and he looked  
down on the other side  
And the last words I heard poor old John Henry said  
A cool drink of water before I die Lord Lord cool drink  
of water before I die  
John Henry had a little woman and her name was Polly  
Ann  
And the last words I heard poor old John Henry said  
Polly drive that steel like a man Lord Lord Polly drive  
that steel like a man

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