



# John Henry

Left hand pounding 8ve lower throughout

United States Folk Ballad  
Arr: Gilbert DeBenedetti

*f* John — Hen - ry was a lit - tle ba - by A -

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sit-tin' on his dad-dy's knee. He — picked up a ham-mer and a lit-tle piece of steel, Cried, —

"Ham-mer's gon-na be the death of me, Lord, Lord, Ham-mer's gon-na be the death of me."

2. Now the captain he said to John Henry,  
"I'm gonna bring that steam drill around  
I'm gonna bring that steam drill out on these tracks  
I'm gonna knock that steel on down, Lord, Lord,  
I'm gonna knock that steel on down."
3. John Henry told his captain,  
"Lord a man ain't nothin' but a man  
But before I let that steam drill beat me down  
I'm gonna die with a hammer in my hand, Lord, Lord,  
I'll die with a hammer in my hand."