Nine Pound Hammer

John Prine

This nine pound hammer Is a little too heavy Buddy for my size Buddy for my size So I'm going on the mountain Just to see my baby And I ain't coming back No I ain't coming back Roll on, buddy Don't you roll so slow Well, tell me how can I roll When the wheels won't go Roll on, buddy Pull your load of coal Tell me how can I pull When the wheels won't roll

It's a long way to Harlan It's a long way to Hazard Just to get a little brew Just to get a little brew And when I'm long gone You can make my tombstone Out of number nine coal Out of number nine coal Roll on, buddy Don't you roll so slow Well, tell me how can I roll When the wheels won't go Roll on, buddy Pull your load of coal Tell me how can I pull When the wheels won't roll

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