

# John Henry

## Roebuck "Pops" Staples

John Henry had a little woman  
And the dress she wore was red  
She walked down the track,  
She never looked back  
I'm going where John Henry fell dead  
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John Henry had another woman  
And her name was Polly Anne  
John Henry was taken sick  
And he had to go to bed  
Polly Anne drove steel like a man  
Polly Anne drove steel like a man  
John Henry told his little woman  
Honey fix my supper soon  
I got ninety-nine miles  
Of track I wanna line back

I'm gonna line 'em by the light of the moon  
I'm gonna line 'em by the light of the moon  
John Henry said to his captain  
You know a man ain't nothin' but a man  
I'm bettin' right now you wont beat me down  
I'm gonna die with my hammer in my hand  
I'm gonna die with my hammer in my hand  
John Henry hammered in the mountain  
Until his hammer caught on fire  
The last word's I heard that the poor boy said  
Give me a cool drink of water before I die  
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