John Henry

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When John Henry was a little baby
Sittin' on his mama's knee
Well, he picked up a feather and a piece of steel
And said that's gonna be the death of meLord, Lord, that's gonna be the death of me
Well, John Henry had a little woman

Name of Polly Ann

Well, John got sick had to lay down on the bed

Polly drove steel like a man

Lord, Lord, Polly drove steel like a manWell, John Henry went up on the mountain

Well, the mountain was sinkin' in

He said come on captain I know what I'm doin'

It ain't nothin' but my hammer suckin' wind

Lord, Lord, it ain't nothin' but my hammer suckin' windWell, John Henry went up on the mountain Lord, the mountain was so high

He said we're gonna shake this steel drivin' down

Give me a cool drink of water before I die

Give me a cool drink of water before I dieSome say he came from England Some say he came from SpainBut John Henry was nothin' but a Louisiana man

And he died with his hammer in his hand

Lord, Lord, he died with his hammer in his hand

Steel drivin' man, he died with his hammer in his hand

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