

# John Henry, The Steel Driving Man

## The Limeliters

#1. When John Henry was just  
a little baby. Sittin' on his Daddy's  
knee. He gave one long and  
lonesome cry, Said, "A hammer  
be the death of me..." (sing 2 times)#2. John Henry told his captain.  
Said, "A man ain't nothing but a  
man. But before I let your steam  
drill beat me down, I'll die with  
a hammer in my hand..." (2 times)#3. Well the man that invented  
the steam drill, He thought that he  
was mighty fine. But John Henry  
drove his steal 15 feet, And the  
steam drill drove only nine (2 times)#4. John Henry kept hammering  
on the mountain. There was lightning  
in his eyes!! He drove so hard that it  
broke his heart And he laid down his  
hammer and he died... (2 times)

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