

# Van Morrison, John Henry

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 me  
Lord, lord, 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, lord, Polly drove steel like a man

Well 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, lord, It ain't nothin' but my hammer suckin' wind

Well 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 die

Some say he came from England  
Some say he came from Spain  
But John Henry was nothin' but a Louisiana man  
And he died with his hammer in his hand  
Lord, lord, lord, he died with his hammer in his hand  
Steel drivin' man, he died with his hammer in his hand  
Lord ain't nothin' but my hammer suckin' wind etc. etc.