

THIS OLD HAMMER

SSA and Piano

John Henry was an American folk hero and his story a tall tale. He worked as a "steel-driver"—a man given the job of hammering a steel drill into rock to make holes for explosives to blast the rock away. He died during the construction of a tunnel for a railroad.

In the legend, John Henry's prowess as a steel-driver was measured in a race against a steam powered hammer, which he won, only to die in victory with his hammer in his hand.

Traditional
Arr. Mark Puddy

$\text{♩} = 90$ Swing

Drum and bass parts available on request.

*NB-the 't' is not pronounced in 'dut'-stop the note with the tongue.

A *mf* (unison)

5 Ba dut doo dut Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut

10 Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut

14 Ba da dut Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut dut doo dut

B

20

This old ham-mer_ killed John Hen-ry_ this old ham-mer_

This old ham-mer_ killed John Hen-ry_ This old ham-mer_

26

killed John Henry_ this old ham-mer_ killed John

This old Hen-ry_ This old ham-mer_ killed John

31

Hen-ry_ but won't kill me_ won't kill me. This old

Hen-ry_ but won't kill me, kill me won't kill me kill me. This old

37 **C**

ham-mer____ killed John Hen-ry____ this old ham-mer____ killed John

ham-mer____ killed John Hen-ry____ this old ham-mer____ killed John

Ba dut doo dut Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut

43

Hen-ry____ this old ham-mer____ killed John Hen-ry____ but won't kill

Hen-ry____ this old ham-mer____ killed John Hen-ry____ but won't kill

Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut Ba da dut

49 **D**

me____ won't kill me. This old ham-mer____ shines like

me, kill me won't kill me, kill me. This old ham-mer____ shines like

Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut! This old ham-mer____