

THIS OLD HAMMER

TB and Piano

Drum and bass parts available on request.

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

mf

5 **A** *mf* (unison) *NB-the 't' is not pronounced in 'dut'-stop the note with the tongue.

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

mf (unison)

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

11

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

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

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17

Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut dut doo dut This old

Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut dut doo dut This old

21 **B**

ham-mer killed John Hen-ry this old ham-mer killed John

ham-mer killed John Hen-ry this old ham-mer killed John

27

Henry this old ham-mer killed John Hen-ry

Henry this old ham-mer killed John Hen-ry

32

but won't kill me _____ won't kill me. This old
but won't kill me _____ won't kill me.

This system contains the musical notation for measures 32 through 36. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "but won't kill me _____ won't kill me. This old" on the top line and "but won't kill me _____ won't kill me." on the bottom line. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

C

37

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

This system contains the musical notation for measures 37 through 42. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ham-mer_____ killed John Hen-ry_____ this old ham-mer_____ killed John" on the top line and "Ba dut doo dut Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut" on the bottom line. A section marker 'C' is present at the beginning of the system. The piano part includes some complex chordal textures.

43

Hen-ry_____ this old ham-mer_____ killed John Hen-ry_____

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

This system contains the musical notation for measures 43 through 48. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Hen-ry_____ this old ham-mer_____ killed John Hen-ry_____" on the top line and "Ba da dut da dut dut Ba dut doo dut Ba da dut" on the bottom line. The piano part continues with accompaniment for the vocal line.

48

but won't kill me. won't kill me.

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

52

D

f This old ham - mer shines like

f This old ham - mer

ff