John Henry was a steel drivin' boy But he went down Yes, he went down He went down

Take my hammer and give it to the capt'n Boys, tell him I'm gone
You can tell him I'm gone
Yes, tell him I'm gone

This old hammer done kill John Henry And it don't kill me No it won't kill me Ain't gonna kill me

It's a long way from East Colorado
Honey, to my home
Honey, to my home
Honey, to my home

John Henry left his hammer All paint' in red All shinin' red John Henry's dead

Take this hammer and Carrie it to the capt'n You can tell him I'm gone Boys, tell him I'm gone You're sure he's gone