

Nine Pound Hammer

Key of G

as performed by Merle Travis

G C
This nine pound hammer Is a little too heavy
G D G
For my size For my size
G C
So I'm going on the mountain Going to see my baby
G D G
But I ain't coming back Well I ain't coming back

Chorus:

G C
Roll on buddy Don't you roll so slow
G D G
Well how can I roll When the wheels won't go
G C
Roll on buddy Pull your load of coal
G D G
Now how can I pull When the wheels won't roll

G C
Nine pound hammer, Killed John Henry,
G D G
But it won't get me, Ain't a gonna kill me
G C
Well I'm just a poor boy A long ways from home
G D G
Down in Tennessee Down in Tennessee

Chorus

G C
It's a long way to Harlan It's a long way to Hazard
G D G
Just to get a little brew Just to get a little brew
G C
When I'm long gone Just make my tombstone

G D G
Out of number nine coal Old number nine coal

Chorus

Repeat Chorus