

John Henry

Adagio

John Hen-ry was a

This system contains the first three measures of the piece. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Adagio'. The first measure is a whole rest for the vocal line. The piano accompaniment begins with a series of chords in the bass and a melodic line in the treble. The second measure continues the piano accompaniment. The third measure shows the vocal line starting with a quarter note 'John', followed by a half note 'Hen-ry', and a quarter note 'was'. The piano accompaniment continues with a quarter note 'a'.

steel-driv-ing man, Car-ried his ham-mer all the time, And be -

This system contains measures 4 through 6. The vocal line continues with 'steel-driv-ing man,' in measure 4, 'Car-ried his ham-mer all the time,' in measure 5, and 'And be -' in measure 6. The piano accompaniment provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

fore he let that steam drill beat him down, Said he'd

This system contains measures 7 through 9. The vocal line continues with 'fore he let that steam drill beat him down,' in measure 7 and 'Said he'd' in measure 8. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

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die with his ham-mer in his hand, Said he'd die with his ham-mer in his

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hand. John Hen-ry went to the moun-tain top, Beat that

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steam drill down, But the rock was high, John Hen-ry

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was so small, _____ That he laid down his hammer and he

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died, Yes, he laid down his hammer and he died. John _____

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Hen - ry had a _____ pret - ty, lit - tle gal, _____ And her

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name was Pol - ly - Anne, _____ And when John was _____ lay - ing on his

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bed so low, Pol-ly drived with his ham-mer like a man, Took and

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drived with his ham - mer like a man. _____