Nine Pound Hammer
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1. This nine pound hammer is a little too heavy,
   For my size, buddy, for my size.

   chorus 1: Roll on buddy! Don't you roll so slow,
   How can I roll, when the wheels won't go.

2. I'm a-goin' on the mountain for to see my baby,
   An' I ain't comin' back, Lord, I ain't comin' back.

   chorus 2: Roll on buddy! Pull a load of coal,
   How can I go when the wheels won't go roll.

3. There ain't one hammer in this tunnel,
   That rings like mine, buddy rings like mine.

   chorus 3: Rings like silver but it shines like gold,
   Rings like silver but it shines like gold.

4. Well this nine pound hammer, it killed John Henry,
   Ain't gonna kill me, ain't gonna kill me.

   chorus 1:

5. Well when I'm long gone, you can make my tombstone,
   Out of number nine coal, out of number nine coal.

   chorus 2:

6. It's a long way to Harlan, it's a long way to Hazard,
   Just to get a little brew, just to get a little brew.

   chorus 1: