

# Nine Pound Hammer

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*Thanks to Frank de Lathouder*

[G] This nine-pound hammer  
Just a little too [C] heavy  
for my [G] size  
[D] for my [G] size

I'm a goin' on the mountain  
Gonna' see my [C] baby,  
But I ain't coming [G] back  
[D] Well I ain't coming [G] back

Roll on, Buddy  
don't you roll so [C] slow,  
Well how can I [G] roll  
when the [D] wheels won't [G] go?

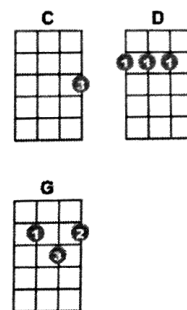
Now roll on Buddy  
Pull your load of [C] coal  
Tell me how can I [G] pull  
When the [D] wheels won't [G] roll

Nine-pound hammer  
Killed John [C] Henry  
But it won't get [G] me  
[D] Ain't a gonna get [G] me

Well I'm just a poor boy  
A long ways from [C] home  
Down in Tennes[G]see  
[D] Down in Tennes[G]see

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It's a long way to Harlan  
It's a long way to [C] Hazard  
Just to get a little [G] brew,  
[D] just to get a little [G] brew

When I'm long gone  
Just make my tomb [C] stone  
Outa' number nine [G] coal  
[D] Old number nine [G] coal

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