NINE POUND HAMMER

4/4 time, key of A   *ala* **Jim & Jesse**

Verse 1:   *Oh the nine pound*

A / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ / **D** / ⏐ / **D** / ⏐ /

hammer   it's a little too heavy   for my

E7 / ⏐ / **E7** / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ /

size,   Yes   for my   size

Chorus: Roll on

A / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ / **D** / ⏐ / **D** / ⏐ /

buddy,   doncha roll so slow   How can you

E7 / ⏐ / **E7** / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ / **A** / ⏐ /

roll   when the wheels won't roll

Verses 2&3:   Oh there ain't one hammer,   In this tunnel
That'll ring like mine,   That'll ring like mine

Rings like silver,   and shines like gold
Rings like silver,   and shines like gold

Verse 4:   The nine pound hammer that killed John Henry
Ain't a' gonna kill me, ain't a' gonna kill me

Chorus

Verse 5:   Now somebody stole   my nine pound hammer
They've took it and gone   they've took it and gone

Chorus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdJdWMllDGo

NINE POUND HAMMER

4/4 time, key of G   *ala* **Flatt & Scruggs**

Verse 1:   *Oh the nine pound*

G   / | /   **G**   / | /   **Em**   / | /   **Em**   / | /

hammer   is a little too heavy   Honey for my

G   / | /   **D**   / | /   **G**   / | /   **G**   / | /

size,   it's   for my   size

Chorus: Now roll on

G   / | /   **G**   / | /   **Em**   / | /   **Em**   / | /

buddy,   doncha roll so slow   Baby how can I

G   / | /   **D**   / | /   **G**   / | /   **G**   / | /

roll   when the wheels won't go

Verses 2&3:   There ain't one hammer   in this coal camp
                          That rings like mine   that rings like mine

                          It ring like silver,   and it shine like gold
                          Oh it ring like silver,   and it shine like gold

                          Chorus

Verse 4:   Now when I pass on   write on my tombstone
                          This coal miner   is a long time gone

                          Chorus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsJEDNX3LQ8

NINE POUND HAMMER

4/4 time, key of C   *ala* **Bill Monroe**

Verse 1:   Oh I went up on the

C   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /   **F**   /   ǀ   /   **F**   /   ǀ   /

Mountain   for t' see my   baby   Lord I ain't a'comin

C   /   ǀ   /   **G7**   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /

back,   no I ain't a'comin back

Chorus: Oh roll on

C   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /   **F**   /   ǀ   /   **F**   /   ǀ   /

buddy,   doncha roll so slow   Baby how can I

C   /   ǀ   /   **G7**   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /   **C**   /   ǀ   /

roll   when the wheels won't go

Verses 2&3:   Oh they ain't one hammer in this tunnel
                 That rings like mine, that rings like mine

                 Ring like silver, and shine like gold
                 Ring like silver, and shine like gold

                 Chorus

Verse 4:   Oh the nine pound hammer that killed John Henry
                 Ain't a' gonna kill me, ain't gonna kill me

         Chorus

         Chorus