Nine Pound Hammer

Traditional

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Intro: A F9 E9 A **Strum=D DU UD or fingerpick (below)** **First note= E**

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Picking pattern A
A |-0-------0----|
E |-----0------0-|
C |---1------1---|
G |-2-----2------|
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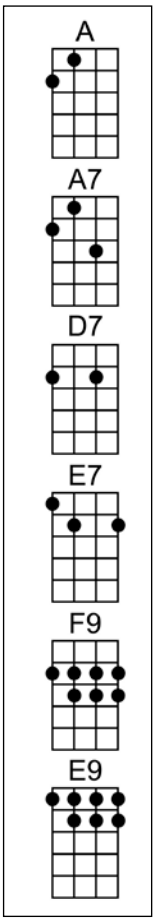


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A                                          D7
This nine pound hammer, just a little too heavy
          A  E7          A
For my size,   for my size
A                                          D7
I'm going on the mountain, just to see my baby
                        A   E7                    A
And I ain't coming back,  no I ain't coming back

Chorus
 A                                       D7
Well, roll on buddy don't you roll so slow
                    A   E7                         A
Well how can I roll,   when the wheels won't go?
  A                                    D7
Roll on buddy, pull you load of coal
                       A   E7                          A
Tell me how can I pull,   when the wheels won't roll?

Solo
A                                          D7
This nine pound hammer, killed John Henry
                    A  E7              A
But it won't get me,   it won't get me,
A                                        D7
I'm just a poor boy, a long way from home
                    A   E7                       A
Down in Tennessee,   way down in Tennessee

Chorus
A                                                D7
It's a long way to Harlan, an' it's a long way to Hazard
                        A   E7                    A
Just to get a little brew,    just to get a little brew
A                                              D7
And when I'm long gone, you can make my tombstone
                         A   E7                        A
Out of number nine coal,     out of number nine coal

Repeat first verse
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Solo A              D7       A  E7    A   A                     D7          A E7     A
A |-------0-0-|-3-2-0---|-----0-2-----0-|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
E |-0-0-2-----|-------2-|-0-2-----0-2---|-12--------|-----------------|-----------------|
C |-----------|---------|---------------|----12-9-9-|-12-9-12-10-9----|------9-b11-----9-|
G |-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|--------------11-|-9-11------9-11---|
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