

ONE OF THEM IS GONNA BE THE DEATH OF ME

This is one of my favorite bluegrass songs. I love the way it goes back and forth between the major and the relative minor chords. In fact, I like it so much I put in another minor in the third line of the chorus. You can hear a nice version of this song by the all-female bluegrass band *Della Mae* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-kwIKluRg>. My all-time favorite version of this song is probably the one by Tony Rice, but I thought naming a bluegrass band Della Mae in honor of this great song was such a brilliant stroke that it deserved some recognition. You can also hear this song Audio at the link below.

BIG SPIKE HAMMER

By Bobby Osborne and Pete Gobel

G **Em**
"Can't you hear the whistle of my big spike hammer
C **Em**
Lord it's busting my side
G **Em**
I work every day to try to please that woman
C **Em**
Lord she's never satisfied

CHORUS:

G
Hey hey Della Mae

Why do you treat me this way
G **Em**
Hey hey Della Mae
G **D** **G**
I'll get even some day

I'm the best hammer swinger on this old section gang
Big Bill Johnson is my name
I swing this old hammer for a dollar and a half a day
And it's all for my Della Mae

CHORUS

Now I've been lots of places and there's lots of things I've done
And still some things I wanna see
This hammer that I swing or the woman that I love
One of them is gonna be the death of me"

CHORUS