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Well the coal has gone low and the river has gone dry I'm a hearty young miner and a b'liever by night I'll pick up my axe and I'll lay down a prayer I'm a hearty young miner and there's someone up there

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So I'll swing though my hands are on fire And I'll work though my back is undone And I'll sing 'til I hear a choir I'll dig 'til the tunnel has been dug

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I'm a hearty young miner and it's running through my blood I work with the worms for the pleasures up above But there ain't much for living when you're living down below And breathing the air of the dust and the lode

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So I'll swing though my hands are on fire And I'll work though my back is undone And I'll sing 'til I hear a choir I'll dig 'til the tunnel has been dug

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I've seen many a season from underneath them hills Known many a good men, some of them were killed But the workin' ain't so bad when the burden has been shared And the triumphs more sweet with my buddies down there

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From breaker to miner, I have given all my life
To that dusty old mountain and the men by my side
Now it's a hard working living and the pleasures they are few
Wouldn't trade it for nothing 'cept a pulpit or pew

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