THE L & N DON'T STOP HERE ANYMORE

Traditional

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Am G Am

WHEN I WAS A CURLY HEADED BABY

G MY DADDY SET ME DOWN ON HIS KNEE

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SAYING BOY YOU GO TO SCHOOL AND YOU LEARN YOUR LETTERS

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DON'T BECOME NO DUSTY MINER BOY LIKE ME.

Chorus:

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AND I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE MOUTH OF A HAZZARD HOLLER

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WHERE THE COAL CARS ROLLED AND RUMBLED PAST MY DOOR

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BUT NOW THEY STAND IN A RUSTY ROW OF EMPTIES

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Riff: THE L AND N, DON'T

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NOW I USED TO THINK MY DADDY WAS A BLACK MAN WITH SCRIPT ENOUGH TO BUY THE COMPANY STORE OH BUT NOW HE GOES TO TOWN WITH EMPTY POCKETS AND LORD HIS FACE IS AS WHITE AS A FEBRUARY SNOW.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER LIVE TO LOVE THAT COAL DUST NEVER THOUGHT I'D PRAY TO HEAR THOSE TIPPLES ROAR OH BUT GOD I WISH THE GRASS WOULD TURN TO MONEY AND FEEL MY GREENBACKS IN MY POCKETS ONCE MORE.

LAST NIGHT I DREAMED I WENT DOWN TO THE OFFICE TO GET MY PAYDAY LIKE I'VE DONE BEFORE BUT THOSE KUDZU VINES THEY WERE COVERING OVER THE DOORWAY AND THERE WERE WEEDS AND GRASS GROWING RIGHT UP THROUGH THE FLOOR.

Repeat Chorus and fade