

# Just A Simple Story - song lyrics

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In a distant mining town, Joe and Will were boys together,  
And when older grown, they worked down in the mine;  
They were friends so staunch and true, both in fair and stormy weather,  
Till a quarrel came with scarce a word or sign.  
Each his manly heart had given to the same sweet village girl;  
And one twilight Joe was walking by her side,  
With no thought that Will was near them, vows of love were whisper'd o'er,  
And she promised to become Joe's loving bride.

Remain.

Just a simple story of a heart so true,  
Just a simple story, neither old nor new;  
When their toil is over, in the twilight's glow.  
The miners tell this simple story of Will and Joe.

Joe was happy with his wife, pretty darlings came to bless them,  
While the love of Will was buried in his heart;  
When Joe's little ones he saw, he would fondle and caress them,  
Tho' . as friends, the twain had drifted far apart.  
Once, while Joe and Will were toiling, came the cry,  
"The mine's on fire! "Only one more to the surface they could take;  
Joe and Will stood there together. Will shook hands and calmly said,  
"Save yourself, Joe, for your wife and babies' sake!"-Refrain.