Dark As A Dungeon

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Recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford
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G C D
Come listen you fellers so young and fine
Em G C G
Oh seek not your fortune in the dark dreary mine
C D
It will form as a habit and seep in your soul
Em G C G
Till the stream of your blood is as black as the coal.

Refrain
D C G
It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew
D C G
Where danger is double and pleasures are few
C D
Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines
Em G C G
It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

It's many a man I've known in my day
Who lived just to labor his young life away
Like a fiend with his dope and a drunkard his wine
A man will have lust for the lure of the mine.

Refrain

The midnight, the morning, or the middle of the day
It's the same to the miner who labors away
Where the demons of the death often come by surprise
One fall of the slate and you're buried alive.

Refrain

I hope when I'm gone and the ages shall roll
My body will blacken and turn into coal
Then I'll look from the door of my heavenly home
And pity the miner a-diggin' my bones.

Refrain

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