

# Dark as a Dungeon

Dolly Parton

Come and listen you fellows  
So young and do fine  
And seek not your fortune  
In the dark, dreary mines

It will form as a habit  
Seep in your soul  
'Til the blood in your veins  
Runs as black as the coal

There's many a man  
That I've known in my day  
Who lived just to labor  
His whole life away

Like a fiend with his dope  
And a drunkard his wine  
A man will have lust for  
The lure of the mine

It's dark as a dungeon  
Damp as the dew  
The danger is double  
And the pleasures are few

Where the rain never falls  
Where the sun never shines  
It's dark as a dungeon  
Way down in the mine

I hope when I'm gone  
And the ages shall roll  
My body will blacken  
And turn into coal

Then I'll look out the door  
Of my heavenly home  
And I'll pity the miners  
A-diggin' my bones

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