

## Boss Man

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Boss man, boss man, what do you say?  
I gotta get you alone in the mine some day  
Boss man, boss man, turn it around  
If you don't look away how can I sit down

Look at this load upon my back  
Gotta get this wheel back on the track  
I can't hold on but I can't let go  
And I can't say yes, I can't say no

Holes in my pockets and holes in my shoes  
If you're ready for me I'ma ready for you  
The company plan takes all my pay  
Got a child in July and another last May

Boss man, boss man, what do you say?  
Gotta get you alone in the mine some day  
Push your face down in the coal  
'Cause you got no heart you got no soul

Country life's the life for me  
In ten more years I'll a pensioner be  
The young-a lad knows when the girls are out  
Why you might say he's a rural sprout

Boss man, boss man, what do you say?  
Gotta get you alone in the mine some day  
Boss man, boss man, clear the track  
You're gonna tear the skin right off-a my back

Boss man, boss man, what do you say?  
If you can't lend a hand then get outta my way  
It'll be murder in the first degree  
If you ever lay your hands on me

Boss man, boss man, pay my rent  
'Cause a dollar I've earned is a dollar I've spent  
The company plan takes all my check  
For breaking my back and risking my neck

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And I can't say yes, I can't say no