

# Hello, My Name Is Coal

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I'm from West 'by God' Virginia  
And the high Kentucky hills  
I'm dirty but I'm honest  
I pay a poor man's bills  
I'm prosperity and poverty  
I'm a scoundrel and a saint  
I'm loved, reviled, misunderstood  
I'm hope in a hopeless place

Hello, my name is coal  
And around here I'm the king  
Some say I'm a savior  
Some say death is what I bring  
I've broke miner's backs & hearts  
And I've wrestled for their souls  
Let me introduce myself  
Hello, my name is coal

Some men call me 'black gold'  
You might have heard of me  
My body is the mountain  
My breath is kerosene  
You might think I'm outta date  
But if I'm out of style and old  
Why do men still dig me  
All around the globe?

Hello, my name is coal  
And around here I'm the queen  
Some say I'm cheap and easy  
Oh but they still bow to me  
Be careful, I'll break up your home  
And I'll steal away your soul  
It's dangerous to lust for me  
Hello, my name is coal

They curse me now for what I am  
But not that long ago  
They sang my praises everywhere  
Hello, my name is coal