Well I was born in old Kentucky
In them hills where folks are lucky
From a coal miner's daughter right to a coal miner's wife

Well the mountain folks love the mountains White lightning flowed like the fountains On a Sunday morning you can hear all the good folks singin

It's God's country in these hills he walks
And in the middle of the night you can hear him talk
It's the closest place to heaven that I know
If you wanna get to heaven get your road map out
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Well I miss the old camp meeting time and dinner on the ground What I miss most is everything like all the country sounds Like the lonesome sound of the whippoorwill sang me to sleep every night

And the whistle of the old freight train before daylight

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And my old Kentucky home's far away