

Appalachian Boy

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My Appalachian boy
Will you be mine?

With your eyes as black as the coal in the hollers
I'd trade my railway sack, turn my back, forsake all others
To hang your supper on a line
Will you be mine?
Will you be mine?

My Appalachian boy
Are you the only one?
Let my heart be still 'neath the hickory, cool and shady
To haunt those hills where your momma met your daddy
I'd die a thousand times
Will you be mine?
Will you be mine?

And if we should never meet again
If I should fall in to the arms of a fistful of other men
Die one day and meet those gates and they decide to let me in
There you'll be lookin' just like you did the day we met

Till then, I just don't know what I believe in now
What is love but ties, lies and broken vows
So wait, don't be afraid
My heart has many things to show you
I'll wait--long the days--the time it takes to really know you
And you are a good man
And I will understand you
I will understand