Blue Sky Mine

Midnight Oil

There'll be food on the table tonight There'll be pay in your pocket tonight

My gut is wrenched out it is crunched up and broken My life that is lived is no more than a token Who'll strike the flint upon the stone and tell me why?

If I yell out at night there's a reply of blue silence The screen is no comfort I can't speak my sentence They blew the lights at heaven's gate and I don't know why

But if I work all day on the blue sky mine (There'll be food on the table tonight) Still I walk up and down on the blue sky mine (There'll be pay in your pocket tonight)

The candy store paupers lie to the shareholders They're crossing their fingers they pay the truth makers The balance sheet is breaking up the sky

So I'm caught at the junction still waiting for medicine The sweat of my brow keeps on feeding the engine Hope the crumbs in my pocket can keep me for another night

And if you blue sky mining company won't come to my rescue If the sugar refining company won't save me

Who's gonna save me?

But if I work all day on the blue sky mine (There'll be food on the table tonight) And if I walk up and down on the blue sky mine (There'll be pay in your pocket tonight) And some have sailed from a distant shore And the company takes what the company wants And nothing's as precious As a hole in the ground

Who's gonna save me? I pray that sense and reason brings us in Who's gonna save me? We've got nothing to fear

In the end the rain comes down Washes clean the streets of a blue sky mine