

# Coal Minin' Man

Ricky Skaggs

Daylight of dark  
In rain or shine  
It don't much matter  
Down in the mine  
Where the tunnel's deep  
Lord, the air gets thin  
That's the way of life  
For the minin' man

His lungs are weak  
His back is gone  
His sixty years  
Are plainly shown  
Lived half his life  
Down in the ground  
A cold steel hammer  
Rings a mournful sound

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I'll tell you, Son  
He said to me  
There's just two things  
I pray to see  
That the day my Savior  
Calls me home  
And to see my son  
Stop minin' coal

Oh daddy dear  
I'll tell you true  
There's nothing else  
For me to do  
But to make my livin'  
Underneath this land  
And live and die  
A coal minin' man

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I'll make my livin'  
Underneath this land  
And die like you

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