

# Diamonds In The Coal

The Badlees

by trade

>From a part of Pennsylvania even Jesus couldn't  
save

With towns named after Indian chiefs and Union  
Army Generals

It's nowhere in particular but everywhere in  
general

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opinions aren't used

Well the big flood came in '72 and tore the  
railroad bridges down

Washed away our only means of getting  
shipments out of town

And the government won't subsidize rebuilding  
the Central line

So there's barroom fights and anthracite and  
loads of extra time

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Chorus

There's diamonds in the coal everybody  
ignores

A man never finds what he ain't looking  
for

A tree only grows if you nurture the  
seed

There's too many gems this world doesn't  
need

The people left like rainwater flowing through  
an open drain

But here I sit too proud to admit and too damn  
old to change

Now, the monuments at Gettysburg keep the  
tourists going there

But we died too slow and quietly for anyone  
to care

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