

# 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  
History says Americans we have the right to  
choose  
But they never mention those of us whose  
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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Chorus