

DARK AS A DUNGEON by Merle Travis (3/4 time)

A D E7
Come all you young fellows so brave and so fine
A D A
And seek not your fortune way down in the mine.
A D E7
For it will form as a habit and seep in your soul
A D A
Till the tracks of your blood run as black as the coal.

-Chorus-

E7 A
For it's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew
E7 A
Where the dangers are double and the pleasures are few
A D E7
Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines
A D A
It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mine

A D E7
Now it's many a man I have seen in my day
A D A
Who has lived his whole life just to labor away
A D E7
Like a fiend with his dope and drunkard his wine
A D A
A man will have lust for the lure of the mine.

-Chorus-

I hope when I die and the ages shall roll
My body will blacken and turn into coal
Then I'll look from the door of my heavenly home
And pity the miners a digging my bones

-Chorus-