

# The Mountain

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I was born on this mountain a long time ago  
Before they knocked down the timber and strip-mined the coal  
When you rose in the mornin' before it was light  
To go down in that dark hole and come back up at night  
I was born on this mountain, this mountain's my home  
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe  
Well, they took everything that she gave - now they're gone  
But I'll die on this mountain, this mountain's my home  
I was young on this mountain but now I am old  
And I knew every holler, every cool swimmin' hole  
'Til one night I lay down and woke up to find  
That my childhood was over and I went down in the mine  
I was born on this mountain, this mountain's my home  
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe  
Well, they took everything that she gave - now they're gone  
But I'll die on this mountain, this mountain's my home  
There's a hole in this mountain and it's dark and it's deep  
And God only knows all the secrets it keeps  
There's a chill in the air only miners can feel  
And there's ghosts in the tunnels that the company sealed  
I was born on this mountain, this mountain's my home  
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe  
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