

COAL TATTOO

Dm Bb Dm
Travelin' down that coal town road
Bb C Dm
Listen to my rubber tires whine
Bb Dm
Goodbye to buckeye and white sycamore
Bb C Dm
I'm leavin' you behind
F C F
Oh I've been a coal man all my life
C F
Laying down tracks in the hole
C7 F Bb F
Got a back like an ironwood, bent by the wind
Bb C
Blood veins blue as the coal
Bb C Dm
Left by the number nine coal.

Somebody said that's a strange tattoo
You have on the side of your head
I said that's the mark of the number nine coal
A little more and I'd be dead.
But I love the rumble and I love the dark
I love the cool of the slate
But it's going down that new road lookin' for a job
This travelin' and lookin' I hate
Travelin' and lookin' I hate.

I've stood for the union, walked in the line
Fought against the company
I've stood for the U.M.W. of A.
Now who's gonna stand for me
Well I got no job and I got no pay
Just got a worried soul
And this blue tattoo on the side of my head
Left by the number nine coal
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Someday when I die and go to heaven
Land of my dreams
I won't have to worry on losing my job
To bad times and big machines
Well I got no job and I got no pay
Just got a worried soul
And this blue tattoo on the side of my head
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