

# You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive

## INTRO:

Em G D Em G D Em

N.C. G D A  
In the deep dark hills of Eastern Kentucky

Em G C  
That's the place where I trace my bloodline

C G A C  
And it's there I read on a hillside gravestone

Em B7 Em  
"You'll never leave Harlan alive"

G D A  
Oh, my grandfather's dad crossed the Cumberland Mountains

Em G C  
Where he took a pretty girl to be his bride

G A C  
Said, "Won't you walk with me out the mouth of this holler

Em B7 Em  
Or we'll never leave Harlan alive?"

## CHORUS:

G C G  
Where the sun comes up about ten in the morning

Em F C  
And the sun goes down about three in the day

G C G  
And you'll fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinking

Em F Em  
And you spend your life just thinking of how to get away

G D A  
No one ever knew there was coal in them mountains

'Til a man from the northeast arrived  
 Waving hundred dollar bills, said, "I'll pay you for your minerals"  
 But he never left Harlan alive  
 Grandma sold out cheap and they moved out west of Pineville  
 To a farm where big Richland River winds  
 And I bet they danced them a jig and they laughed and sang a new  
 song  
 "Who said we'd never leave Harlan alive?"

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

Em G D A  
 Em G C G A C  
 Em B7 Em

But the times they got hard and tobacco wasn't selling  
 And old granddad knew what he'd do to survive  
 He went and dug for Harlan coal and sent the money back to grandma  
 But he never left Harlan alive

## CHORUS:

Where the sun comes up about ten in the morning  
And the sun goes down about three in the day  
And you'll fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinking  
And you spend your life digging coal from the bottom of your grave

## INTERLUDE:

N.C. Em G D A  
Hm hm hmm hm hm hmm hm hm hmm hmm hmm  
Em G C  
Hm hm hmm hm hm hmm hm hmm  
G A C  
Hm hm hmm hm hm hmm hm hmm hm hm hmm  
Em B7 Em  
"You'll never leave Harlan alive"

## OUTRO:

Repeat 2 times

Em G D A  
Em G C G A C  
Em B7 Em

