

**YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HARLAN ALIVE - Dm**

**VERY LOOSE TIME (rubato)**

**Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2**

**In the deep, dark hills of eastern Kentucky**

**Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4**

**That's the place where I trace my bloodline**

**Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2**

**And it's there I read on a hillside gravestone**

**STRUM TIME (TEMPO)**

**Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4 Dm-4**

**You will never leave Harlan alive**

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**Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2**

**Well my granddad's dad walked down Katahrins Mountain**

**Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4**

**And he asked Tillie Helton to be his bride**

**Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2**

**Said, won't you walk with me out of the mouth of this holler**

**Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4**

**Or we'll never leave Harlan alive**

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***F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2***

***Where the sun comes up about ten in the morning***

***Dm-4 Eb-1 F-1 Bb-2***

***And the sun goes down about three in the day***

***F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2***

***And you fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinkin'***

***Dm-4 Eb-2 [Dm-4]***

***And you spend your life just thinkin' of how to get away***

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**Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2**

**No one ever knew there was coal in them mountains**

**Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4**

**'Til a man from the Northeast arrived**

**Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2**

**Waving hundred dollar bills said, I'll pay you for your minerals**

**Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4 Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4**

**But he never left Harlan alive**

Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2  
 Granny sold out cheap and they moved out west of Pineville  
 Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4  
 To a farm where big Richland River winds  
 Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2  
 I bet they danced them a jig, laughed and sang a new song  
 Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4  
 Who said we'd never leave Harlan alive

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**SOLO**

| Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2 | Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4 |  
 | Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2 | Bb-2 A7-2 Dm-4 |

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Dm-2 F-2 C-2 G-2  
 But the times they got hard and tobacco wasn't selling  
 Dm-2 F-2 Bb-4  
 And ole granddad knew what he'd do to survive  
 Bb-2 F-2 C-2 G/B-2  
 He went and dug for Harlan coal And sent the money back to granny  
 Bb-2 A7-2 [ Dm-4 ]  
 But he never left Harlan alive

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**SOFTLY (MEZZO PIANO)**

F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2  
 Where the sun comes up about ten in the morning  
 Dm-4 Eb-1 F-1 Bb-2  
 And the sun goes down about three in the day  
 F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2  
 And you fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinkin'  
 Dm-4 Eb-2 Dm-2  
 And you spend your life just thinkin' of how to get away

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**LOUDER (MEZZO FORTE)**

F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2  
 Where the sun comes up about ten in the morning  
 Dm-4 Eb-1 F-1 Bb-2  
 And the sun goes down about three in the day  
 F-4 Bb-1 C-1 F-2  
 And you fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinkin'

**HOLD (FERMATATA)**

Dm-4 Eb-4 (Dm)  
 And you spend your life digging coal from the bottom of your grave

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