

# Coal Tattoo

## Kathy Mattea

Travelin' on down that coal town road  
Listen to my rubber tires whine  
Goodbye to buckeye and white sycamore  
I'm leavin' you behindOh, I've been a coal miner all my life  
Layin' down track in a hole  
Got a back like ironwood, bent by the wind  
Blood veins as blue as the coal  
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You have on the side of your head  
I said, That's a blue mark left by the coal  
Little more and I'd a been deadOh, I love the rumble and I love the dark  
Lord, I love the cool of the slate  
But it's going down that new road lookin' for a job  
Travelin' and lookin I hate  
Travelin' and lookin I hateSome day when I'm dead and gone  
To heaven the land of my dreams  
I won't have to worry bout losin' my job  
To bad times and big machinesOh, I got no house Lord, I got no job  
Just got a worried soul  
And a blue tattoo on the side of my head  
Left by the number nine coal  
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