

# Hazard, Kentucky

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Here's a song 'bout, 'Hazard, Kentucky' Well, some people think that unions are too strong  
Union leaders should go back where they belong  
But I wish that they could see a little more of poverty  
And they might start to sing a different song Well, let's look at old Kentucky for a while  
It is hard to find a miner who will smile  
Well, the constitution's fine, but it's hard reading in the mines  
And when welfare stops, the trouble starts to pile Well, minin' is a hazard in Hazard, Kentucky  
And if you ain't minin' there, well, my friends, you're awful lucky  
'Cause if you don't get silicosis or pay that's just atrocious  
You'll be screamin' for a union that will care Well, the depression was ended with the war  
But nobody told Kentucky, that is sure  
Some are living in a sewer while the jobs are getting fewer  
But more coal is mined than ever was before Well, minin' is a hazard in Hazard, Kentucky  
And if you ain't minin' there, you're awful lucky  
'Cause if you don't get silicosis or pay that's just atrocious  
You'll be screamin' for a union that will care Well, the badge of Sheriff Combs always shines  
And when duty calls he seldom ever whines  
Well, I don't like raisin' thunder, but it sort of makes you wonder  
When he runs the law and also runs the mines Of course, I know Well, our standard of living is the highest all  
around  
But our standard of giving is the lowest when you're down  
So give a yell and a whistle when they light that union missile  
And we'll all lift our feet up off the ground Minin' is a hazard in Hazard, Kentucky  
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