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 songWell, 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 pileWell, 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 careWell, 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 beforeWell, 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 careWell, 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 minesOf course, I knowWell, 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 groundMinin' is a hazard in Hazard, Kentucky
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