

Cumberland Blues (Live In England 1972)

Grateful Dead

I can't stay here much longer, Melinda
The sun is getting high
I can't help you with your troubles
If you won't help with mine
I gotta get down
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Gotta get down to the mine You keep me up just one more night
I can't stop here no more
Little Ben clock says quarter to eight
You kept me up till four
I gotta get down
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Or I can't work there no more Lotta poor man make a five dollar bill
Will keep him happy all the time
Some other fellow's making nothing at all
And you can hear him cry Can I go, buddy, can I go down
Take your shift at the mine
Gotta get down to the Cumberland mine
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That's where I mainly spend my time Make good money, five dollars a day
If I made any more I might move away Lotta poor man got the Cumberland Blues
He can't win for losing
Lotta poor man got to walk the line
Just to pay his union dues I don't know now, I just don't know
If I'm coming back again
I don't know now, I just don't know
If I'm coming back again
I don't know now, I just don't know
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