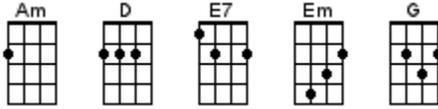


Ballad of Springhill

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INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Am] / [Am]

In the [Am] town of [G] Springhill [Am] Nova [G] Scotia
[Am] Down in the dark of the [D] Cumberland [Am] Mine
There's [Am] blood on the [D] coal and the [G] miners [E7] lie
In the [Am] roads that [G] never saw [Am] sun nor [G] sky
[Am] Roads that [G] never saw [Am] sun nor [Em] sky [Em] / [Em] / [Em]

In the [Am] town of [G] Springhill, you [Am] don't sleep [G] easy
[Am] Often the earth will [D] tremble and [Am] roll
When the [Am] earth is [D] restless [G] miners [E7] die
[Am] Bone and [G] blood is the [Am] price of [G] coal
[Am] Bone and [G] blood is the [Am] price of [Em] coal [Em] / [Em] / [Em]

In the [Am] town of [G] Springhill [Am] Nova [G] Scotia
[Am] Late in the year of [D] fifty-[Am]eight
[Am] Day still [D] comes and the [G] sun still [E7] shines
But it's [Am] dark as the [G] grave in the [Am] Cumberland [G] Mine
[Am] Dark as the [G] grave in the [Am] Cumberland [Em] Mine [Em] / [Em] / [Em] /

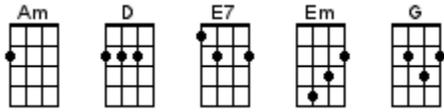
[Am] Down at the [G] coal face [Am] miners [G] working
[Am] Rattle of the belts and the [D] cutter's [Am] blade
[Am] Rumble of [D] rock and the [G] walls close [E7] round
The [Am] living and the [G] dead men [Am] two miles [G] down
[Am] Living and the [G] dead men [Am] two miles [Em] down [Em] / [Em] / [Em] /

[Am] Twelve men [G] lay two [Am] miles from the [G] pitshaft
[Am] Twelve men lay in the [D] dark and [Am] sang
[Am] Long hot [D] days in a [G] miner's [E7] tomb
It was [Am] three feet [G] high and a [Am] hundred [G] long
[Am] Three feet [G] high and a [Am] hundred [Em] long [Em] / [Em] / [Em] /

[Am] Three days [G] passed and the [Am] lamps gave [G] out
And [Am] Caleb Rushton, he [D] up and [Am] said
"There's [Am] no more [D] water nor [G] light nor [E7] bread
So we'll [Am] live on [G] songs and [Am] hope in-[G]stead
[Am] Live on [G] songs and [Am] hope in-[Em]stead" [Em] / [Em] / [Em] /

[Am] Listen for the [G] shouts of the [Am] bareface [G] miners
[Am] Listen through the rubble for a [D] rescue [Am] team
Six-[Am]hundred [D] feet of [G] coal and [E7] slag
[Am] Hope im-[G]prisoned in a [Am] three-foot [G] seam
[Am] Hope im-[G]prisoned in a [Am] three-foot [Em] seam [Em]

[Am] Eight days **[G]** passed and **[Am]** some were **[G]** rescued
[Am] Leaving the dead to **[D]** lie a-**[Am]**lone
Through **[Am]** all their **[D]** lives they **[G]** dug a **[E7]** grave
Two **[Am]** miles of **[G]** earth for a **[Am]** marking **[G]** stone
Two **[Am]** miles of **[G]** earth for a **[Am]** marking **[Em]** stone **[Em]**↓



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