

You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive – for Paul

In the **[Bm]**deep, dark **[D]**hills of **[A]**eastern **[E]**Kentucky
That's the **[Bm]**place where I **[D]**trace my blood**[G]**line
And it's **[G]**there I **[D]**read on a **[A]**hillside **[E]**gravestone
You will **[G]**never leave **[F#7]**Harlan a**[Bm]**live

Well my granddad's **[D]**dad walked **[A]**down Katrins **[E]**Mtn
And he **[Bm]**asked Tillie **[D]**Helton to be his **[G]**bride
Said, won't you walk with **[D]**me out of the **[A]**mouth of this **[E]**holler
Or we'll **[G]**never leave **[F#7]**Harlan a**[Bm]**live

Chorus:

Where the sun comes **[D]**up about **[G]**ten **[A]**in the **[D]**morning
And the sun goes **[Bm]**down about **[G]**three **[D]**in the **[G]**day
And you fill your **[D]**cup with whatever **[G]**bitter **[A]**brew you're **[D]**drinkin'
And you spend your **[Bm]**life just thinkin' of **[G]**how to get **[Bm]**away

No one **[Bm]**ever **[D]**knew there was **[A]**coal in them **[E]**mountains
'Til a **[Bm]**man from the **[D]**Northeast ar**[G]**rived
Waving **[G]**hundred dollar **[D]**bills, said I'll **[A]**pay you for your **[E]**minerals
But he **[G]**never left **[F#7]**Harlan a**[Bm]**live

Granny **[Bm]**sold out **[D]**cheap and they **[A]**moved out west of **[E]**Pineville
To a **[Bm]**farm where big **[D]**Richland River **[G]**winds
I bet they **[G]**danced them a **[D]**jig, **[A]**laughed and sang a **[E]**new song
Who said we'd **[G]**never leave **[F#7]**Harlan a**[Bm]**live

BREAK:

But the **[Bm]**times they got **[D]**hard and **[A]**tobacco wasn't **[E]**selling
And ole **[Bm]**granddad knew what **[D]**he'd do to sur**[G]**vive
He went and **[G]**dug for Harlan **[D]**coal and sent the **[A]**money back to **[E]**granny
But he **[G]**never left **[F#7]**Harlan a**[Bm]**live

CHORUS:

REPEAT 1st verse (SLOWWWW)