

# You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive

In the [Am]deep, dark [C]hills of [G]eastern [D]Kentucky  
That's the [Am]place where I [C]trace my blood[F]line  
And it's [F]there I [C]read on a [G]hillside [D]gravestone  
You will [F]never leave [E7]Harlan a[Am]live

Well my granddad's [C]dad walked [G]down Katrins [D]Mtn  
And he [Am]asked Tillie [C]Helton to be his [F]bride  
Said, won't you walk with [C]me out of the [G]mouth of this [D]holler  
Or we'll [F]never leave [E7]Harlan a[Am]live

Chorus:

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

No one [Am]ever [C]knew there was [G]coal in them [D]mountains  
'Til a [Am]man from the [C]Northeast [F]arrived  
Waving [F]hundred dollar [C]bills, said I'll [G]pay you for your [D]minerals  
But he [F]never left [E7]Harlan a[Am]live

Granny [Am]sold out [C]cheap and they [G]moved out west of [D]Pineville  
To a [Am]farm where big [C]Richland River [F]winds  
I bet they [F]danced them a [C]jig, [G]laughed and sang a [D]new song  
Who said we'd [F]never leave [E7]Harlan a[Am]live

BREAK:

But the [Am]times they got [C]hard and [G]tobacco wasn't [D]selling  
And ole [Am]granddad knew what [C]he'd do to sur[F]vive  
He went and [F]dug for Harlan [C]coal and sent the [G]money back to [D]granny  
But he [F]never left [E7]Harlan a[Am]live

CHORUS:

REPEAT 1<sup>st</sup> verse (a capella)