

Cumberland Blues

G
I can't stay much longer, Melinda, the sun is getting high,
G
I can't help you with your troubles if you won't help with mine.
F# Bb B Bb A Ab G
I gotta get down, I gotta get down, I gotta get down to the mine.

You keep me up just one more night, I can't sleep here no more.
Little Ben clock says quarter 'til eight, you kept me up 'til four.
I gotta get down, I gotta get down, or I can't work there no more.

G
Lotta poor man make a five dollar bill, keep him happy all the time.
G
Some other fella's makin' nothin' at all and you can hear him cry,
C D
"Can I go buddy, can I go down, take your shift at the mine?"
C
Gotta get down to the Cumberland mine

F C
(Gotta get down to the Cumberland mine)
F C
That's where I mainly spend my time.
C
Make good money, five dollars a day,
F C Am7 C7 Em G
Made any more I might move away.
G C G
Lotta poor man got the Cumberland blues,
C
He can't win for losin',
C G A D
Lotta poor man got to walk the line just to pay his union dues,
C D C Am7 G
I don't know now, I just don't know, if I'm goin' back again.