

MUSIC

Cape Breton's Diversity in Unity

The Cape Breton Coal Miners

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Tune: "Villikens And His Dinah"

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1. We are the coal miners from Cape Breton Isle;
We don't make much money but manage to smile.
Workin' hard for our living-a-mining the coal.
The dust and the sweat seep into our souls.

Chorus:

So come all you miners and listen to me
Be proud of our country and good old CB.
When we get to heaven and God reads the scroll,
He'll say "Step right in boys for you've loaded coal."

2. We work in the coal mine far under the ground
Where never a ray of sunshine is found.
While some men are brushing and some loading coal,
The dust and the sweat seep into their souls.

3. The Miners' Museum they've built last year
In memory of miners in centennial year.
Though memories won't bring back the men that have gone,
The his'try of mining will still carry on.

Additional verses:

4. Coal mining's a living, it's rough and it's tough,
But being coal miners we're used to that stuff!
We're a proud lot of people and happy we are,
And proud that we come from the Isle of CB.

5. We're Cape Breton miners, my friends, have no fear;
And happy to have been to Expo last year.

Some call us coal miners and we do agree,
But we're better known as the Men of the Deeps.

Recording:

[The Cape Breton Coal Miners](#), 1968. The Men of the Deeps. T-062. Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University.