

# MUSIC

## *Cape Breton's Diversity in Unity*

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### *When You're Done Loading Coal*

By Alec MacKinnon and Vic Hall from the singing of Charlie MacKinnon  
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*Chorus:*

Sing faderin-neaderin-neoderin-no,  
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When you're done loading coal to MacGregor's you'll go.

1. Oh, out to the mines the horses do go.  
Hauling the sleighs on the top of the snow;  
Going past Punch's you'll all have to run  
Because you'd get drunk with the smell of the rum.

2. Now there's Willie MacGregor, I damn near forgot,  
He's the dirtiest devil in the whole bloody lot.  
He'll come to your back door when you're sleeping sound,  
He'll steal your best cow and then put it in pound.

*Recording:*

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