

MUSIC

Cape Breton's Diversity in Unity

A Miner's Life

Collected by George Korson
from the singing of Mrs. Luigi Gugliotta

1. Miner's life is like a sailor's
'Board a ship to cross the wave;
Ev'ry day his life's in danger,
Still he ventures being brave.
Watch the rocks, they're falling daily;
Careless miners always fail.
Keep your hand upon the dollar
And your eyes upon the scale.

Chorus:

Union miners, stand together,
Heed no operator's tale;
Keep your hand upon the dollar
And your eyes upon the scale.

2. You've been docked and docked, my boys,
You've been loading two for one;
What have you to show for working
Since this labour has begun?
Overalls, and cans for rockers,
In your shanties sleep on rails.
Keep your hand upon the dollar
And your eyes upon the scale.

3. In conclusion, bear in memory,
Keep the watchword in your mind;
God provides for every nation,
When in union they combine.
Stand like men and link together,
Victory for you prevail.

Keep your hand upon the dollar
And your eyes upon the scale.

Recording:

[A Miner's Life](#), 1996. The Men of the Deeps/Joan Weeks. FT-59, Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University.