

Cumberland Blues

Grateful Dead

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
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F#

B

B

B

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.

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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

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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.

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C

G

Lotta poor man got the Cumberland blues,

C

He can't win for losin',

C

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.