

Devil Put the Coal in the Ground

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Well, the devil put the coal in the ground
Devil put the coal in the ground
He buried it deep, it'll never be found
Devil put the coal in the ground
Said, that'll be a diamond some day
That'll be a diamond some day
We'll be long-gone, and dead, and away
That'll be a diamond some day

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Said, "I double-dog dare ya to follow me down"
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Well, the good Lord gave me two hands
Good Lord gave me two hands
Said, "Is you an animal, is you a man?"
The good Lord gave me two hands
Lord giveth and He taketh away
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Oh, the devil dig the same damn hole every day
Lord giveth and He taketh away

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Said, "I double-dog dare ya to follow me down"
Devil put the coal in the ground
Woo!

I wake up in the mornin' and pray
Wake up in the mornin' and pray
Keep old from the door and the devil at bay
Wake up in the mornin' and pray
And the black lung'll kill me someday
The black lung'll kill me someday
I'm already underground, I reckon anyway
The black lung'll kill me someday

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