

# King Of The Hill

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Get put on at the Harlan mine  
Be the last one out at quittin' time

You already workin' when the whistle blew  
Never complain about a job to do  
When they say who can, you say I will  
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You need a good woman to share your bed  
To keep you loved and to keep you fed  
To help you to face another day  
To get you up and on your way

Where the golden rule don't rule out true  
You do to them before they do to you  
Watch out for yourself or nobody will  
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Saturday night you go to Harlan town  
You shoot some pool and you fool around  
You watch the girls and you drink bootleg  
Get starved to death before you beg

You trust in luck till your luck is gone  
Then jump right in and you hang right on  
There may be times you would have to kill  
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When the last of the coals out of every vein  
Had long been gone on the northbound train  
Walk up to the top and if you're standing still  
You can call yourself king of the hill

But if you fall like a lot have done  
By accident or knife or gun  
When they lay you high on the mountain still  
You can call yourself king of the hill

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