My father used to work the seam
Far below the ground
Digging for the coal to melt the steel
But now he stands a lonely man
Idle and forlorn
Just like the iron wheels
That took him down

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Falling down like rain
Your words of wisdom
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He used to be the fisherman
Who sailed the mighty sea
Searching for the harvest from the deep
But now the fleets are rusting hulks
Anchored at the quay
Floating on a cold gray empty sea

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My father was a working man
He gave his life to me
His spirit reaches out through time
And guides my destiny

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