

Coal Miner's Blues

The Carter Family

Some blues are just blues, mine are the miner's blues
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My troubles are coming by threes and by twos

Blues and more blues, it's that coal black blues
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Got coal in my hair, got coal in my shoes

These blues are so blue, they are the coal black blues
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For my place will cave in and my life I will lose

You say they are blues, these old miner's blues
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Now I must have sharpened these picks that I use

I'm out with these blues, dirty coal black blues
I'm out with these blues, dirty coal black blues
We'll lay off tomorrow with the coal miner's blues