

Coal Miners' Wish

On a dark ocean green,
wind filling the sails,
I sailed on ahead,
seeking my dream.

It's Wales I hail from,
beautiful and grande.
Came seeking new life,
In a far away land.

Pennsylvania is rich,
With the black rocks, you see.
Lush, green, and free,
it's there that I'll be.

For a miner I am,
I work long hard days.
Digging the rocks,
that will soon pave the way.

Refrain:
Anthracite, Anthracite,
it's king of all coal.
We mine it and burn it,
it's deep in our soul.

The famine had come,
and brought with it death.
For me and my son,
it was time for a breath.

Freedom I sought,
a new life for he.
With Ireland behind,
we crossed the great sea.

Good honest work,
is all that we sought.
Instead persecution, bigotry,
and prejudice we fought.

Time's all we need.
to prove what we're worth,
We'll sweat and we'll bleed,
to bring a rebirth.

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From Poland, Lithuania,
and the Ukraine we came.
A better life for all,
that was our aim.

We would work in the coalmines,
for meagerly pay.
We would scratch out a living,
have some fun on the way.

We all were coal miners,
we all became one.
Struggled and toiled,
in the task we'd begun.

We formed our coal unions,
equality for all.
If in them we wavered,
we'd all take the fall.

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It's all for the future,
it's all I can see.
For I still have nothing,
But, they're counting on me.

I hope what we've given,
Will be just enough.
Old, tired, and battered,
it's been awfully tough.

For our sons and our daughters,
we would sacrifice all.
From the depths of the earth,
they would all hear our call.

Someday they will prosper,
in the land of the free.
Our dream will be realized,
will they remember me?

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