

(THE COAL AND) **ALBERT BERRY**

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TO THE COAL WENT ALBERT BERRY, A DRILL OF IRON IN HIS HAND
FOR TO FIGHT ANOTHER BATTLE, FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND
SAID THE COAL TO ALBERT BERRY, FOR 40 YEARS YOU'VE BEEN A MAN
YOU'VE TAKEN THE BEST PART OF ME, TODAY I KILL YOU IF I CAN

ALBERT TOOK HIS DRILL OF IRON AND HE MADE HIMSELF A HOLE
FOR 40 YEARS YOU'VE TRIED TO KILL ME SAID ALBERT BERRY TO THE COAL
SAID THE COAL TO ALBERT BERRY, I HAVE SCARED YOUR BACK WITH BLUE
AND YOUR LUNGS ARE BLACK AND TATTERED, TODAY I'LL MAKE AN END OF YOU

ALBERT TOOK HIS SHOT AND WIRE, PLUNGED IT DEEP INSIDE THE HOLE
NOW DO YOUR WORST YOU BLACK OLD DEVIL, SAID ALBERT BERRY TO THE COAL
CRIED THE COAL TO ALBERT BERRY, AS HE PUSHED THE PLUNGER DEEP
I WILL MAKE YOUR WIFE A WIDOW AND I WILL MAKE YOUR CHILDREN WEEP

A TON OF DIRT FLEW DOWN THE TUNNEL, AS ALBERT CROUCHED INSIDE A HOLE
SO YOU DIDN'T GET ME THIS TIME, SAID ALBERT BERRY TO THE COAL
ALBERT STEPPED INTO THE TUNNEL, AND HE DIDN'T HEAR THE SOUND
AS A TON OF MUCK AND RUBBLE CRUSHED ALBERT BERRY TO THE GROUND

SAID THE COAL TO ALBERT BERRY, AS HIS BLOOD SEEPED IN THE FLOOR
MEN HAVE ALWAYS WON THE BATTLE, BUT I ALWAYS WIN THE WAR
SAID THE CHOST OF ALBERT BERRY, OUT OF EVERY SACK OF COAL
THERE WILL BE OTHER ALBERT BERRYS, SAID ALBERT BERRY TO THE COAL