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# Chaka Khan "Haulin' Coal"

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Steamin' down the muddy waters Travelin' yonder from bay to bay I been workin' on the barge line Fourteen years ago today Eighteen hours hard labor by the day Ain't much pay for a man

# Chorus:

Haulin' coal down the down river And he won't be comin' home for a long time

Torches burning by the riverside Cast their shadows grey as stone And the cool october days replacing Much warmer thoughts of home I can still see grandma sittin' on the porch Tellin' the neighbors she's got a grandson

## Chorus:

Haulin' coal down the down river And he won't be comin' home for a long time

River's rising up the marker line While the willows softly moan Sun is rising over the starboard shore Paving the golden road back home

I can still see the kids jumpin' rope But there ain't much hope for a man

### Chorus:

Haulin' coal down the down river And he won't be comin' home for a long time

Haulin' coal down the down river I'll be gone a long time

Haulin' coal down the down river I'll be gone a long while

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