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Bill Miller "Roane Country Prison"

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In the beautiful hills in the mists of Roane County There's where I have roamed for many long years There's where my heart's been tendin most ever There's where the first step of misfortune I made It's about thirty years when I courted and married Armanda Gilbraith I'd soon call my wife My brother he stabbed me for some unknown reason Just three month's later I'd taken Tom's life I was captured and tried in the village of Kingston Not a man in that county would speak one kind word When the jury came in with the verdict next mornin' A lifetime in prison was the words that I heard When the train pulled out poor Mother stood weepin' And sister she sat all alone with a sigh And the last words I heard was "Willy God bless you" Was "Willy God bless you God bless you goodbye" In the scorching hot sand of the foundry I'm workin' Toiling and working my poor life away They'll measure my grave on the banks of old Cumberland Just as soon as I finish the rest of my days Poort Martha was grave, but Corey was better There's better and worse, although you may see Boys when you write home from this prison in Nashville Place one of my songs in your letter for me

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