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"Lone Pine Hill"

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I swear I see her in my dreams sometimes
Held up in the middle of the night
Shakin' like a pistol in a young man's hand
There in the pale moonlight

Standin' up the top of that lonely hill
Spared by the company mines
Is my blue eyed baby with her best dress on
In the shadow of a lonely pine

It was back before the war
When the company came
These hills grew wild and free
Me and baby we'd hide in the hullers low
Away from the cruel sun's heat
But then they knocked down the timber
And burned off the brush
To get to the riches below
And when they pulled out
They left a cold black ground
And one pine standing lone

So take me home
Lone pine hill

I signed up back in '61
I'm an army of Virginia man
I've been from Manassas to Mackonackey
All the way to Sailors Creek fighting
For my home land

After 4 years gone and all hope lost
And Richmond under siege
And we're diggin' out Five Forks
And waitin' in the rain
For Sheridan to bring us to our knees

So take me home
Lone pine hill

There's a strange moon hangin' overhead tonight

And if the rain keeps comin' then the creek's gonna
rise
With the good Lord's grace
I'll make it outta this place
I'll be in your arms come the morning light I swear

So God grant me speed and grant me forgiveness
And carry me on through the night
Take me through Your hills and over Your rivers
Away from this awful fight

'Cause I ain't never known a man that's ever owned
another
Ain't never owned nothin' of my own
And after 4 long years I just can't tell you
What the hell I've been fighting for

So take me home
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