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Levon Helm "The Mountain"

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I was born on this mountain a long long time ago Before they knocked down the timber and stripped mined all the coal

When you rose up in the morning before it was light To go down in that dark hole and come back up at night I was born on this mountain, this mountain's my home She holds me and she keeps me from a worry and a woe

Well they took everything she gave, she gave it now she's gone

But I'll die on this mountain, this mountain's my home

I was young on this mountain but now I am old And I knew every holler, every cool swimmin' hole Til a one night I lay down and I woke up to find That my childhood was over I went back down in the mine

There's a hole in this mountain it's dark and it's deep And God only knows all the secrets that it keeps There's a chill in the air only miners can feel There're ghosts in the tunnels that the company sealed

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