

## **The Brandos**

### **"Before Dawn Each Day"**

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Before dawn each day  
I'd go down below  
And the walls they'd sweat  
I'd sweat more  
The coal-black dust  
Filled the air  
I'd breath it in  
I could not afford to care  
There were debts passed down  
From father to son  
From mother to daughter  
From mother to son  
As we owed our souls  
To the company store  
Each day we got less  
They got more

I believe I can see  
The light of the day  
It's up there ahead  
Not far away  
I've been digging my way out  
Of this dark mine  
Since what feels like  
The dawn of time  
I believe I can see  
The light of day

And the timbers placed  
To support these walls  
One day came down  
About our heads did fall  
I was buried alive  
I was left for dead  
But I came to  
Began to dig instead  
I swear when again  
I can breath fresh air  
Look up to the heavens  
And thank God that I'm there  
I'll never be buried  
In this earth again

When I'm dead throw my ashes  
To the four winds

Since I was a boy  
I've worked this mine  
They said "Son, you'll be here  
Till the day you die"  
But you'll get no more  
Of my blood and my sweat  
No more years of my life  
In this God-less pit  
There's sun and there's rain  
And there's love up there  
No cause in this world  
Could drag me back here

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