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# "Durham Lockout"

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DURHAM LOCKOUT

by Tommy Armstrong

In our Durham County, I am sorry for to say  
That hunger and starvation is increasing every day  
For the want of food and coals, we know not what to do  
But with your kind assistance, we will stand the  
struggle through

I need not state the reason why we have been brought  
so low  
The masters have behaved unkind, as everyone well  
know  
Because we won't lie down and let them treat us as  
they like  
To punish us they've stopped their pits and caused the  
present  
strike

The pulley wheel have ceased to move which went so  
swift around  
The horses and the ponies too are brought from  
underground  
Our work is taken from us now, they care not if we die  
For they can eat the best of food and drink the best  
when dry

The miner and his marra, too, each morning have to  
roam  
To seek for bread to feed the hungry little ones at  
home  
The flour barrel is empty now, their true and faithful  
friend  
Which makes the thousands wish today the strike was  
at an end

We have done our very best as honest working men  
To let the pits commence again, we've offered to them  
ten  
The offer they will not accept, they firmly do demand  
Thirteen and a half percent or let the collieries stand

Let them stand or let them lie to do with them as they  
choose  
To give them thirteen and a half we ever shall refuse  
They're always willing to receive, but never inclined to  
give  
Very soon they won't allow a working man to live

With tyranny and capital they never seem content  
Unless they are endeavoring to take from us percent  
If it was due, what they request, we willingly would  
grant  
We know it's not, therefore we cannot give them what  
they want

The miners of Northumberland, we shall forever  
praise  
For being so kind in helping us, those tyrannizing days  
We thank the other counties too, that have been doing  
the same  
For every man who hears this song will know we're not  
to blame

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