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## Peggy March "Springhill Mine Disaster"

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SPRINGHILL MINE DISASTER Dm C Dm C In the town of Springhill, Nova Scotia Dm G Dm Down in the dark of the Cumberland Mine G C Am There's blood on the coal and the miners lie Dm C Dm C A In the roads that never saw sun nor sky (2x) In the town of Springhill, you don't sleep easy Often the earth will tremble and roll When the earth is restless, miners die Bone and blood is the price of coal In the town of Springhill, Nova Scotia Late in the year of fifty-eight Day still comes and the sun still shines But it's dark as the grave in the Cumberland mine Down at the coal face, miners working Rattle of the belt and the cutter's blade Rumble of the rock and the walls closed round The living and the dead men two miles down Twelve men lay two miles from the pitshaft Twelve men lay in the dark and sang Long hot days in the miners tomb It was three feet high and a hundred long Three days past and the lamps gave out Our foreman rose on his elbow and said We're out of light and water and bread So we'll live on song and hope instead Listen for the shouts of the barefaced miners Listen thru the rubble for a rescue team Six hundred feet of coal and slag Hope imprisoned in a three foot seam Eight days passes and some were rescued Leaving the dead to lie alone Thru all their lives they dug their grave Two miles of earth for a marking stone In the town of Springhill, you don't sleep easy Often the earth will tremble and roll When the earth is restless, miners die Bone and blood is the price of coal

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