

## Phil Ochs "Hazard, Kentucky"

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Well, some people think that unions are too strong,  
Union leaders should go back where they belong;  
But I wish that they could see a little more of poverty  
And they might start to sing a different song.

Well, minin' is a hazard in hazard, kentucky,  
And if you ain't minin' there,  
Well, my friends, you're awful lucky,  
'cause if you don't get silicosis or pay that's just  
atrocious  
You'll be screamin' for a union that will care.

Well, let's look at old kentucky for a while.  
It's hard to find a miner who will smile.  
Well, the constitution's fine, but it's hard reading in the  
mines,  
And when welfare stops, the trouble starts to pile.

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Well, the depression was ended with the war,  
But nobody told kentucky, that is sure.  
Some are living in a sewer while the jobs are getting  
fewer  
But more coal is mined than ever was before.

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Well, the badge of sheriff combs always shines  
And when duty calls he seldom ever whines.  
Well, I don't like raisin' thunder, but it sort of makes  
you wonder

When he runs the law and also runs the mines.

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Well, our standard of living is highest all around,  
But our standard of giving is the lowest when you're  
down,  
So give a yell and a whistle when they light that union  
missile  
And we'll lift our feet up off the ground.

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