

## Seven Nations "The Pound a Week Rise"

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The Pound a Week Rise  
(E. Pickford)

Come all you colliers who work down the mine  
From Scotland to south Wales from Teesdale to Tyne  
I'll sing you a song about the pound a week rise  
And the men who were fooled by the government's lies

And it's down you go  
Down below, Jack  
Where you never see the skies  
And you're workin' in a dungeon  
For your pound a week rise

In 19 and 60 a few years ago  
The mineworkers' leaders to Lord Robbins did go  
Sayin' "We work very hard, every day we risk our lives,  
And we ask you here and now for a pound a week rise."  
Well up spoke Lord Robbins and he made this decree  
He said "When the out-put rises, with you I will agree  
I'll raise up all your wages, I'll give to you fair pay  
For I once a miner and I worked hard in my day"

The miners they went home, they worked hard and well  
Their lungs filled with coal dust in the bosom of hell  
The out-put rose by fifteen, eighteen percent and more  
And when two years had passed and gone it rose about  
a score

The miners they went, to get their hard earned prize  
They asked Lord Robbins for their pound a week rise  
Robbins wouldn't give a pound he wouldn't give ten bob  
He gave 'em seven and six and saing "Now get back to  
your jobs!"

So come all you colliers, take heed what I say  
Don't believe Lord Robbins when he says he'll give fair  
pay  
He'll tell you to work hard and make the out- put rise  
But you'll get pie in the sky instead of a pound a week  
rise

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