

**Down In The Mine**  
**Dierks Bentley**

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Capo 2

**G** **C** **G**  
Here in Harlan County, the choices are Few  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
To keep food on the table and the babies in shoes  
**G** **C** **G**  
You can grow marijuana way back in the pines  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
Or work for the man down in the mine

**G** **C** **G**  
You never forget your first day in the hole  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
There s a pit in your stomach and your mouth s full of coal  
**G** **C** **G**  
There s no turning back once you make up your mind  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
As the cart rattles on down in the mine

Chorus:

**C** **D** **Em**  
Way down in the mine, your tears turn to mud  
**C** **G**  
And you can t catch your breath for the dust in your lungs  
**D** **Em** **C**  
Loading hillbilly gold where the sun never shines  
**C** **G** **C** **G**  
Twelve hours a day, diggin your grave  
**D** **G**  
Way down in the mine

**G** **C** **G**  
Well the old timers talk but you just don t believe  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
It can all go to hell at two thousand feet  
**G** **C** **G**  
Life sways in the balance of nature and time  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
And fate has no mercy down in the mine

**G** **C** **G**  
The news spreads like fire and burned through those hills  
**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
Hopes were held high but five men got killed  
**G** **C** **G**

On the wings of canaries, your soul surely flies

**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
While your bones spend eternity down in the mine

Chorus:

**C** **D** **Em**  
Way down in the mine, your tears turn to mud

**C** **G**  
And you can't catch your breath for the dust in your lungs

**D** **Em** **C**  
Loading hillbilly gold where the sun never shines

**C** **G** **C** **G**  
Twelve hours a day, diggin' your grave

**D** **G**  
Way down in the mine

**G** **C** **G**  
So take a flask from your crib can can and a pull of moonshine

**G** **Em** **D** **C**  
And say a prayer for them boys down in the mine

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