

## Coal Tattoo

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**Am** **F**  
Travelin' on down the coal town road  
Well somebody said that's a strange tattoo  
Someday when I'm dead and gone

**G** **Am**  
Listenin' to my rubber tires whine  
You have on the side of your head  
To heaven the land of my dreams

**Am** **F**  
Goodbye to Buckeye, White Sycamore  
I said, that's a blue mark left by the coal  
I won't have to worry about losing my job

**G** **Am**  
I leaving you behind  
Little more and I'd been dead.  
To bad time and big machines

**F** **G**  
Oh, I've been a coal miner all my life  
I love the rumble, I love the dark  
Oh! I got no house Lord I got no job

**F** **G**  
Laying down track in a hole  
Lord, I love the cool of the slate  
Just got a worried soul

**Am** **F**  
Got a back like ironwood, bent by the wind  
But it's going down that new road lookin' for a job  
And a blue tattoo on the side of my head

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