

The Mountain
Steve Earle

Tabbed by Jim Robinson
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Standard Tuning, capo 2nd fret

This is the version Steve has often played solo acoustic with a little slower tempo than the album version. Find it on Youtube to hear the more subtle chord variations and turnarounds.

C/G **Am**
I was born on this mountain a long time ago
C/G **Dm** **F** **Am**
Before they knocked down the timber and strip-mined the coal
C/G **Am**
When you rose in the mornin before it was light
C/G **Dm** **Am** **G**
To go down in that dark hole and come back up at night

C/G **Am**
I was born on this mountain, this mountain s my home
C/G **Dm** **F** **G**
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe
C/G **Am**
Well, they took everything that she gave, now they re gone
C/G **Dm** **F** **C/G**
But I ll die on this mountain, this mountain s my home

C/G **Am**
I was young on this mountain but now I am old
C/G **Dm** **F** **Am**
And I knew every holler, every cool swimmin hole
C/G **Am**
Till one night I lay down and woke up to find
C/G **Dm** **F** **Am**
G
That my childhood was over and I went down in the mine

C/G **Am**
I was born on this mountain, this mountain s my home
C/G **Dm** **F** **G**
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe
C/G **Am**
Well, they took everything that she gave, now they re gone

C/G Dm F C/G
But I ll die on this mountain, this mountain s my home

SOLO

C/G Am
There s a hole in this mountain and it s dark and it s deep
C/G Dm F Am
And God only knows all the secrets it keeps

C/G Am
There s a chill in the air only miners can feel
C/G Dm F Am
G
There re ghosts in the tunnels that the company sealed

C/G Am
I was born on this mountain, this mountain s my home
C/G Dm F G
She holds me and keeps me from worry and woe
C/G Am
Well, they took everything that she gave, now they re gone
C/G Dm F C/G
But I ll die on this mountain, this mountain s my home