

Dark As A Dungeon
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[Intro]

E A B E

[Verse]

E **A** **B**
Come listen you fellers, so young and so fine
E **A** **E**
And seek not your fortune, in the dark, dreary mines
E **A** **B**
Itâ€™ll form as a habit, and seep in your soul
E **A** **E**
â€™Till the stream of your blood, is as black as the coal

[Chorus]

B **A** **E**
Itâ€™s dark as a dungeon, and damp as the dew
B **A** **E**
Where the danger is double, and pleasures are few
E **A** **B**
Where the rain never falls, and the sun never shines
E **A** **E**
Itâ€™s dark as a dungeon, way down in the mines

[Post-Chorus]

E A B E

[Verse]

E **A** **B**
Itâ€™s many a man, I have known in my day
E **A** **E**
Who live just to labor, his young life away
E **A** **B**
Where the demons of death often come by surprise
E **A** **E**
One fall of the slate, and youâ€™re buried alive
E **A** **B**
I hope when Iâ€™m gone, and the ages shall roll
E **A** **E**
My body will blacken, and turn into coal
E **A** **B**
Then I look from the door, of my heavenly home
E **A** **E**
And pity the miner digginâ€™ my bone

[Chorus]

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