

The Grosmont Miner

TYG 116

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The musical score is written on six staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics describe the life of a miner, from waking up in the morning to the dangers of the underground.

I am a Gros-mont mi - ner, I work in the Pec - ten seam.____ My
tools are a pick and a can - dle As I hew the work - ings clean.____ I'm
up in the ear - ly mor - ning Be - fore it's get - ting light.____ I
walk from Beck-hole to Gros - mont. I'll not be back a-foor night.____
Watch our for the tubs a - roll - ing, They'll take your breath a - way,____ And the
Doc - tor has no med' - cine To save your life to - day._____

1. I am a Grosmont miner,
I work in the Pecten Seam.
My tools are a pick and a candle
As I hew the workings clean.
I'm up in the early morning
Before it's getting light.
I walk from Beckhole to Grosmont.
I'll not be back afoor night.

Chorus: Watch out for the tubs a-rolling,
They'll take your breath away,
And the Doctor has no med'cine
To save your life today.

2. We work the Bord and Pillar
Where the rock is blasted out.
When you hear the shout of, 'Fire!'
You'd better heed that shout.
You can't see the tubs a-rolling
In the black dark of the pit.
If a sprag flies out it'll break your leg
And the wheels chop your body in bits.

3. Well, Grosmont miners went on strike
For what's called 'parity of pay'.
They wanted same as Cleveland lads
But Union sold them away.
So now I've got to find more work,
And mining's what I do,
So I'm off to North to Trimdon
Where it's coal that I will hew.