

You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive - (Darrel Scott) Performed by Patti Loveless

Key: gm: **gm** amb5 **Bb** **C** **D7** **Eb** F# gm
 1 2 **3** **4** **5** **6** 7 8

gm Bb C Eb
In the deep dark hills of eastern Ken-tucky...

gm Bb Eb
That's the place where I traced my blood-line...

cm dm C Eb
And it's there that I read on a hillside gravestone...

gm D7 gm
"You'll never leave Harlan a-live"...

gm Bb C Eb
Oh my grandfather's dad crossed the Cumberland Mountains...

gm Bb Eb
Where he took a pretty girl to be his bride...

(Eb) cm dm C Eb
Said "Won't you walk with me out of the mouth of this holler..."

gm D7 gm
"Or we'll never leave Harlan a-live"...

Chorus...

Bb Eb Bb
Where the sun comes up about ten in the mornin'...

gm Ab Eb
And the sun goes down about three in the day...

Bb Eb Bb
And you'll fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinkin'...

gm C (Eb)
And you spend your life just thinkin' of how to get a-way...

gm Bb C Eb
No one ever knew there was coal... up in them mountains...

gm Bb Eb
Till a man from the north-east ar-rived...

cm dm
Waving hundred dollar bills...

C Eb
Said "I'll pay you for your minerals"...

gm D7 gm
But he never left Harlan a-live...

gm Bb C Eb
Grandma sold out cheap and they moved out west of Pineville...

gm Bb Eb
To a farm where Big Richlandon River winds...

cm dm
And I bet they danced them a jig...

C Eb
And they laughed and sang a new song...

gm D7 gm
"Who said we'd never leave Harlan a-live"... (Jam on melody...)

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gm Bb C Eb
But the times got hard and to-bacco wasn't selling...
gm Bb Eb
And old grandad knew what he'd do to sur-vive...
cm dm
He went and dug for Harlan coal...
C Eb
And sent the money back to grandma...
gm D7 gm
But he never left Harlan a-live...

Chorus...

Bb Eb Bb
Where the sun comes up about ten in the mornin'...
gm Ab Eb
And the sun goes down about three in the day...
Bb Eb Bb
And you'll fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're drinkin'...
gm Ab Eb
And you spend your life diggin' coal...from the bottom of your grave

Hum melody while playing chords...

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gm Bb Eb
And old grandad knew what he'd do to sur-vive...
cm dm
He went and dug for Harlan coal...
C Eb
And sent the money back to grandma...
gm D7 gm
But he never left Harlan a-live... **Sing Last Line...**
gm D7 gm
"You'll never leave Harlan a-live"...