

It's Only A Coal Miner's Grave – Hazel Dickens

(3/4 Time, Waltz Time)...

Intro: **D, D, D, D, G, G, G, G, A, A, A, A, D, G, D, D...** *(Each letter name is a 3-beat measure)...*

D **G**
Up there on that hillside... there's... an old miner's grave...
A **D**
And the briars and bushes... that a-bout... cover it up these days...
D **G**
And there's no one to claim it... or care if he's gone a-way...
A **D**
For he was only a miner, and it's only... a coal miner's grave...

D **G**
So, pay no attention... it's only an old miner's grave...
A **D**
Pay no attention... to the briars and the weeds... let them stay...
D **G**
Cause who's gonna miss him... or care, that he's gone a-way...
A **D**
He was only a miner, and it's only a coal miner's grave...

Fiddle Solo...

Dobro Solo...

D **G**
Francis Estep... from Holly Grove W.Va...
A **D**
In nineteen and thirteen, loaded coal ten hours a day...
D **G**
Six days a week... forty-seven and a half cents a ton...
A **D**
He was shot down by gun thugs... at the young age of, thirty-one...

D **G**
So the briars and brambles, ramble all over his grave...
A **D**
Like the thorns in his life... for living, he had to pay...
D **G**
Now there's no one to miss him... care that he's gone a-way...
A **D**
He was only a miner, and it's only... a coal miner's grave...

Dobro Solo...

Fiddle Solo...

It's Only A Coal Miner's Grave – Cont'd

D **G**
So, is this little marker... his only memorial, to-day?...
A **D**
A man, who gave his life... for the U.M.W.of A...
D **G**
Is this how we remember... all the sacrifices... he made?
A **D**
To let the briars and the weeds... take over his Un-ion and grave...

End...

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Notes: U.M.W. of A. is the "United Mine Worker's of America"

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