

Johnny Miner

Johnny Miner, you were born
Never to see the rising dawn
Now it's time that you were gone
Farewell, Johnny Miner

*Farewell Durham, Yorkshire too
Nottingham, the same to you
Scotland, South Wales, bid adieu
Farewell, Johnny Miner*

They've promised you the earth sometimes
To get coal from their stinking mines
Now the justice for their crimes
Is "Farewell, Johnny Miner"

Chorus

You've battled with the sliding scale
With lungs turned black and faces pale
Now your body's up for sale
Farewell, Johnny Miner

Chorus

Come now, John, don't take it hard
Unemployment's not so bad
They'll treat you well in the knacker's yard
Farewell, Johnny Miner

Chorus

Composed by: Ed Pickford

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I learned this song from Helen Gilbert, who has more and better sad songs than anyone I know