

DARK AS A DUNGEON - Merle Travis

F Bflat C

Come listen you fellers so young and so fine

Dm F Bflat F

Oh seek not your fortune in the dark dreary mine

F Bflat C

It will form as a habit and seep in your soul

Dm F Bflat F

Till the stream of your blood is as black as the coal.

C Bflat F

It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew

C Bflat F

Where danger is double and pleasures are few

F Bflat C

Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines

Dm F Bflat F

It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

F Bflat C

It's many a man I've known in my day

Dm F Bflat F

Who lived just to labor his young life away

F Bflat C

Like a fiend with his dope and a drunkard his wine

Dm F Bflat F

A man will have lust for the lure of the mine.

C Bflat F

It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew

C Bflat F

Where danger is double and pleasures are few

F Bflat C

Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines

Dm F Bflat F

It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

Go to page 2

F **Bflat** **C**

The midnight, the morning, or the middle of the day

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

It's the same to the miner who labors away

F **Bflat** **C**

Where the demons of the death often come by surprise

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

One fall of the slate and you're buried alive.

C **Bflat** **F**

It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew

C **Bflat** **F**

Where danger is double and pleasures are few

F **Bflat** **C**

Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

F **Bflat** **C**

I hope when I'm gone and the ages shall roll

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

My body will blacken and turn into coal

F **Bflat** **C**

Then I'll look from the door of my heavenly home

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

And pity the miner a-diggin' my bones.

C **Bflat** **F**

It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew

C **Bflat** **F**

Where danger is double and pleasures are few

F **Bflat** **C**

Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines

Dm **F** **Bflat** **F**

It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

###