

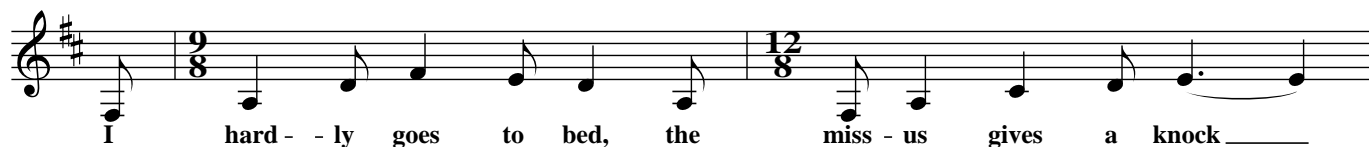
Down in the Coal Mines



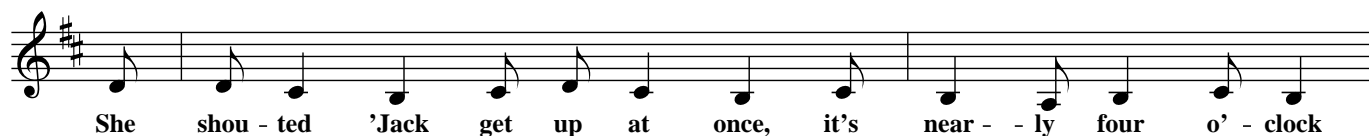
Down in the coal mines work - - ing ev - - ery day,



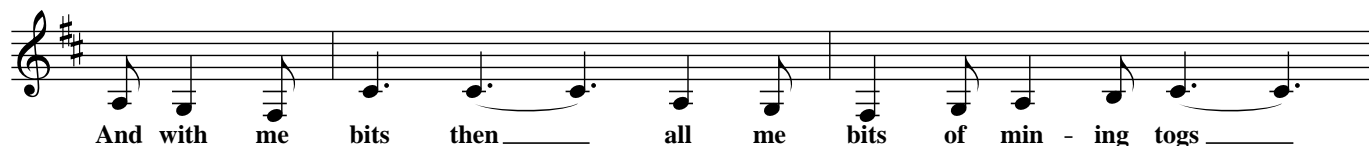
Slav - - ing like a n.. - ..r but at ver - - y litt - le pay



I hard - - ly goes to bed, the miss - us gives a knock



She shou - ted 'Jack get up at once, it's near - - ly four o' - clock

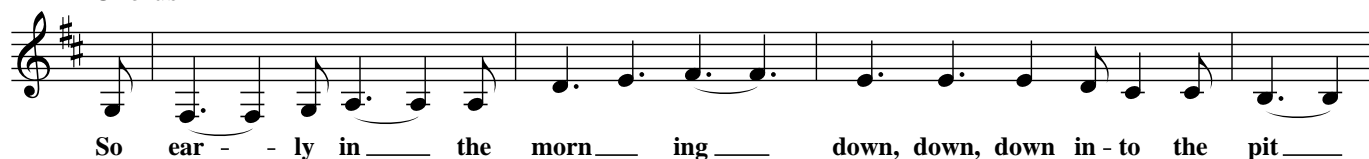


And with me bits then all me bits of min - ing togs

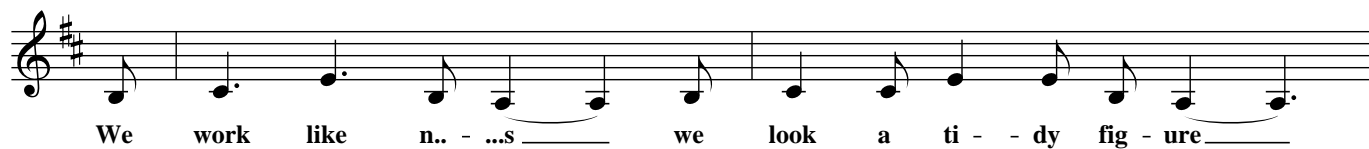


Off I have to go, if it's rain - - ing cats and dogs

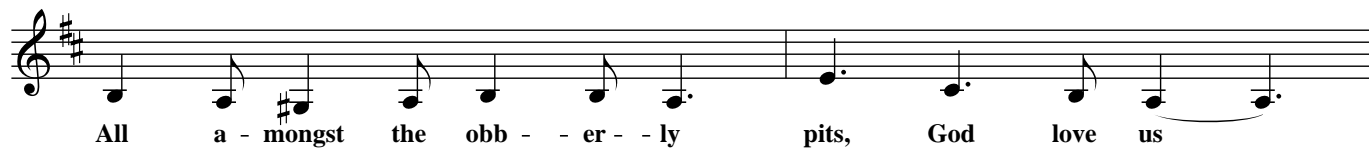
Chorus



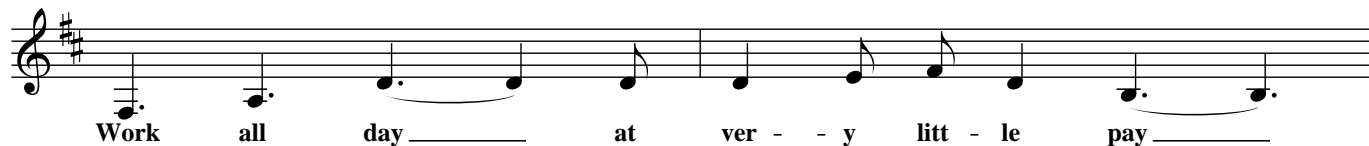
So ear - - ly in the morn ing down, down, down in - to the pit



We work like n.. - ..s we look a ti - - dy fig - ure



All a - mongst the obb - - er - - ly pits, God love us



Work all day at ver - - y litt - le pay

That's what puts us in a rage

We go down white, and up we come at night

Like a lot of little black-birds in a cage.

Verse 2

I've near - ly bathed me-self a - - way I've nev - er had a bath ex-cept the

kids a Fri-day night, And the wife said 'He's a n...r' and the wife said 'He's a white'

Some fell-ow asked me could I sing a-bout the moon He asked me where me ban-jo was and he

Took me for a c..n And the miss-us turned round and shou - ted to him back

'The on - - ly part a - bout him, his face is al - - ways black

Chorus

Source: Danny Brazil at Staverton, 5th May 1978, collected by Gwilym Davies