

# Working Man

Rita MacNeil (Arr. Noni Dickson, 2012)

Intro --> Solo chorus --> v1 (Eric) --> Chorus  
 v2 (men) --> Chorus --> Instrumental  
 v3 (all) --> Chorus (a capella)  
 --> Chorus (tutti) with turnaround.

Pno. F Bb F C7 F

Pno. 6 Bb F C7 F

*Solo*  
 11 F Bb F C7

It's a work-ing man I am and I've been down un-der - ground. And I swear to God if I e-ver see the sun,

19 F Bb F C7 F

Or for an-y length of time, I can hold it in my mind. I ne-ver a-gain will go down un-der - ground.

v1: Eric solo (+ 'Oohs')  
 v2: all men (+ 'Oohs')  
 v3: all choir sing tune

## Verse

28 F Bb F

1. At the age of six-teen years, Oh he quar-rels with his peers. Who vow they'd ne-ver

v3 3. At the age of nine-ty two, and his time on earth all through. Friends and fam-i - ly

Hp.

34 C7 F

see a-noth-er one. In the dark re-cess of the mines, where you

v3 we all gath - ered 'round. We cast his ash - es to the wind, for we

Hp.

39 Bb F C7 F

age be-fore your time. And the coal - dust lies hea-vy on your lungs.

v3 prom - ised our old friend, that he ne-ver a-gain would go down un - der - ground.

Hp.

Chorus

45 F B $\flat$  F C7  
A.   
It's a work-ing man I am\_ and I've been down un-der - ground. And I swear to God if I e-ver see the sun,  
53 F B $\flat$  [F]  
A.   
Or for an-y length of time,\_\_\_ I can hold it in my mind.\_\_\_ I ne-ver a-gain will  
59 C7 F (B $\flat$ ) (to Instrumental)  
A.   
go down un-der - ground.\_\_\_\_\_  
Pno.   
F (B $\flat$ ) B $\flat$  F C7 F

Instrumental

66 G C G  
F1.   
Hp.   
73 D7 G C  
F1.   
Hp.   
78 G D7 G C7 (to Verse 3)  
F1.   
Hp.   
G D7 G C7