

# The Shadow of The Axe

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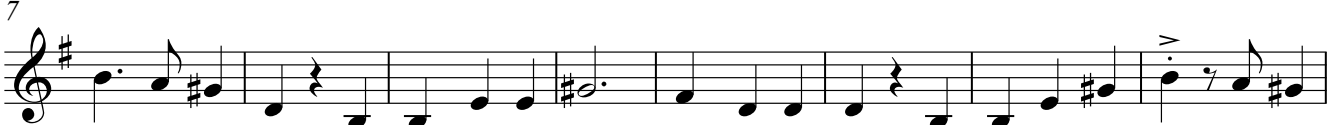
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They've ta-ken my job, they've ta-ken my life, This town is no place for

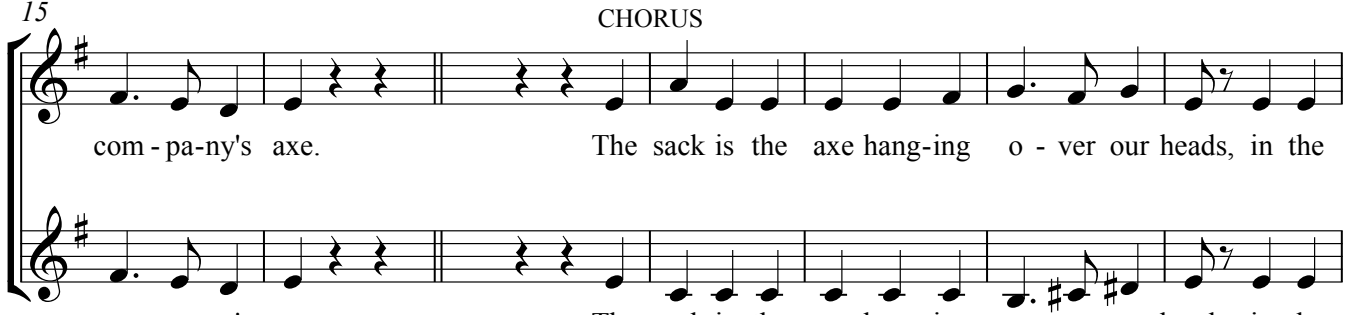
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me and my wife, No wage and no home, These are the facts, Our life has been cut by the

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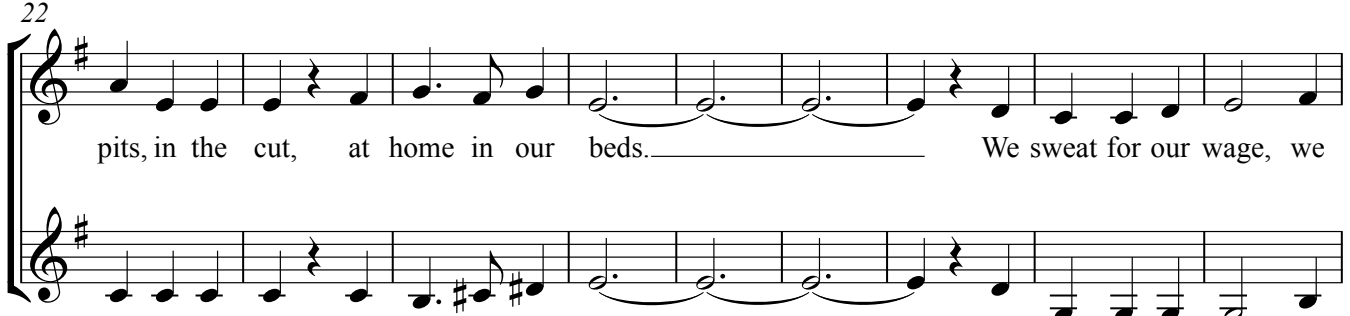
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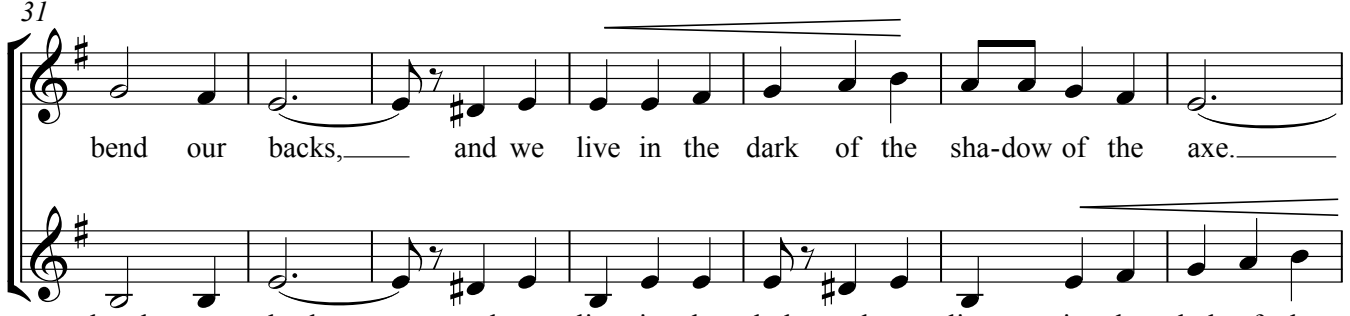
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pits, in the cut, at home in our beds. We sweat for our wage, we

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bend our backs, and we live in the dark of the sha-dow of the axe.

bend our backs, and we live in the dark, and we live in the dark of the

38

## VERSE 2

The shaft is a black and back break-ing place, And  
sha-dow of the axe. The shaft is a black and back break-ing place, And

46

death can be quick, in bye the coal face, Still a man has a life if he works un-der-

53

## VERSE 3

ground, His days are paid, at night he sleeps sound. Sure I got a good

62

wage 'neath the sha-dow of the axe, But sup -por-ting a house-hold and pay-ing my tax,

69

Left lit -tle mon-ey for when the axe fell, My la-bour's my life. Now my

76

## CHORUS

la-bour won't sell. The sack is the axe hang ing o - ver our heads, in the  
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VERSE 4

The sha-dow it hangs like gas in the mine, It won't dis-ap-

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sha-dow of the axe. The sha-dow it hangs like gas in the mine, It won't dis-ap-

107

pear in the lamp light shine, To lose your work, to go on the dole, The sha-dow of the

115

CHORUS

axe hangs o - ver your soul. The sack is the axe hang ing o - ver our heads, in the

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123

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VERSE 5

139 *Slower, with more freedom*

The axe it has fall - en, The axe has cut deep

sha-dow of the axe. The axe it has fall - en, The axe has cut deep

147 *Gradual accel.*

We're forced to move on, Find a job we can keep, There's three things are

155 *stronger rhythm*

sure, death and the tax, and the dark-ness, the black, the sha-dow of the axe.

162

We'll foll-ow the high - ways, the roads and the tracks, But

We'll foll-ow the high - ways, the roads and the tracks, But

169 *ff*

can we es - cape the sha-dow of the axe?

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