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You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive [[G-Bass](#) Tab]

Written by Darrell Scott. Arranged by Glenn Watt.

Arranged for 2-string bass tuned "GD". Arranged in the key of "Dm".

Dm F C G
D 0 0 3 0 0 0
G 2 5 5 0 0

In the deep, dark hills of eastern Kentucky there's a

Dm F Bb Bb F
D 0 3 3 3 3 3
G 2 5 3 3 3

place that I trace my bloodline. And it's there I read

C G Bb A7
D 0 0 3 2
G 5 5 0 0 3 2

on a Hillside grave-stone, "You'll never leave Harlan

Dm F Bb C
D 0 0 3 3
G 2 2 5 5 3 5

a-live." Where the sun comes up about ten in the

F Dm Bb F Dm Bb
D 3 0 0 3
G 5 2 2 3 3

morning and the sun goes down about three in the day.

F Bb C
D 3 3 3
G 5 5 3 5

And you fill your cup with whatever bitter brew you're

F Dm Bb Dm
D 3 0 0 3 0
G 5 2 2 3

drinking and you spend your life just tryin' to get away.

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Additional lyrics

Oh, my granddad's dad walked down Katahrins Mountain
and he asked Tillie Helton to be his bride.
He said, "Won't you walk with me out of the mouth of this holler?
Or we'll never leave Harlan alive."

No one ever knew there was coal in them mountains
'till a man from the Northeast arrived.
Waving hundred dollar bills he said, "I'll pay you for your minerals"
but he never left Harlan alive.

Granny sold out cheap and they moved out west of Pineville
to a farm where big Richland River winds.
I bet they danced them a jig, laughed and sang a new song,
"Who said we'd never leave Harlan alive?"

But the times got hard and tobacco wasn't selling
and ole granddad knew what he'd do to survive.
He went and dug for Harlan coal and sent the money back to granny,
but he never left Harlan alive.

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