

NO CHRISTMAS IN KENTUCKY

by PHIL OCHS

Moderately

Chorus

No, they don't have Christ-mas in Ken-tuck-y, There's no
hol - ly on a West Vir - gin - ia door, For the
trees don't twin - kle when you're hun - gry, And the
jin - gle bells don't jin - gle when you're poor. Fine

Verse

1. Christ - mas shop - pers shop - pin' on a ne - on cit - y street, An -
oth - er Christ - mas dol - lar for an - oth - er Christ - mas treat. There's
sat - in on the pret - ty dolls that make the chil - dren glow, While a
boy is walk - in' rag - ged in the cold Ken - tuck - y snow. D.C. al Fine

2. There's lots of toys for children when the Christmas time is near,
But the present for the miners is a stockin' full of fear;
In the dark hills of Kentucky there's one gift that may be found,
It's the coal dust of forgotten days that's lyin' on the ground.

(CHORUS)

3. Let's drink a toast to Congress and a toast to Santa Claus,
And a toast to all the speeches that ring to loud applause;
There's not enough to give, there's just not enough to share,
So drown the sounds of sorrow with a hearty Christmas cheer.

(CHORUS)

4. Have a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year's Day,
For now's a time of plenty and plenty's here to stay;
But if you knew what Christmas was, I think that you would find
That Christ is spending Christmas in the cold Kentucky mines.

(CHORUS)

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