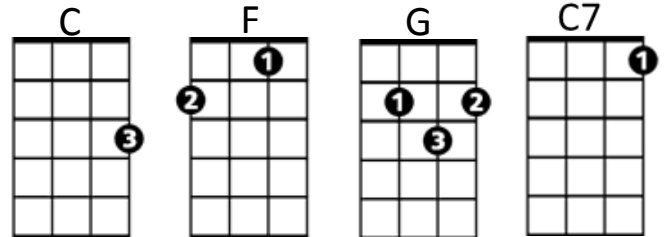


# Dark as a Dungeon (Merle Travis)

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**Intro:** C F C  
And it's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

C F G  
Come listen you fellers so young and so fine  
C F C  
Oh seek not your fortune in the dark dreary mine  
C7 F G  
It will form as a habit and seep in your soul  
C F C  
Till the stream of your blood is as black as the coal.



**Chorus:**  
G F C  
It's dark as a dungeon and damp as the dew  
G F C  
Where danger is double and pleasures are few  
C7 F G  
Where the rain never falls and the sun never shines  
C F C  
It's dark as a dungeon way down in the mines.

C F G  
It's many a man I've known in my day  
C F C  
Who lived just to labor his young life away  
C7 F G  
Like a fiend with his dope and a drunkard his wine  
C F C  
A man will have lust for the lure of the mine.

## (Chorus)

C F G  
The midnight, the morning, or the middle of the day  
C F C  
It's the same to the miner who labors away  
C7 F G  
Where the demons of death often come by surprise  
C F C  
One fall of the slate and you're buried alive.

## (Chorus)

C F G  
I hope when I'm gone and the ages shall roll  
C F C  
My body will blacken and turn into coal  
C7 F G  
Then I'll look from the door of my heavenly home  
G F C  
And pity the miner a-diggin' my bones.

## (Chorus)

