

# Coal Mining Blues by Matt Andersen (Capo 4th)

## INTRO:

**C** *Em7(quick)* **Am** (2x's)

## VERSE 1

**C** **F** **Am**  
I spend all my days, going down to the mines  
**G** **Dm** **F**  
Under the ground, where the sun never shines  
**C** **F** **Am**  
Breaking my back, I put heat in your house  
**G** **Dm** **F**  
I've got the roar of a lion, the breath of a mouse

## CHORUS

**F** **Dm** **G**  
Black on my hands, black on my shoes  
**Dm** **F**  
Black on my heart, from these coal mining blues  
**F** **Dm** **G**  
Black on my hands and black on my shoes  
**Dm** **F**  
Ashes to dust, with these coal mining blues

## VERSE 2

**C** **F** **Am**  
The man in the mirror, looks nothing like me  
**G** **Dm** **F**  
Just a weary reminder, of what I used to be  
**C** **F** **Am**  
The sunken red eyes, and the lines in my face  
**G** **Dm** **F**  
A tired old man, has taken my place

## CHORUS

F Dm G  
Black on my hands, black on my shoes  
Dm F  
Black on my heart, from these coal mining blues  
F Dm G  
Black on my hands and black on my shoes  
Dm F  
Ashes to dust, with these coal mining blues

## LEAD

C *Em7(quick)* Am (2x's)

## VERSE 3

C F Am  
I can't fall asleep, for the dreams that may come  
G Dm F  
When the walls cave in, and the coal fills my lungs  
C F Am  
If life is a blessing, then please let it be  
G Dm F  
That someday God's light, will give these poor souls relief

## CHORUS

F Dm G  
Black on my hands, black on my shoes  
Dm F  
Black on my heart, from these coal mining blues  
F Dm G  
Black on my hands and black on my shoes  
Dm F  
Ashes to dust, with these coal mining blues