

Ludlow massacre

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It was early springtime
when the strike was on,
They drove us miners out of doors,
Out from the houses
that the Company owned,
We moved into tents up at old Ludlow.

I was worried bad about my children,
Soldiers guarding the railroad bridge,
Every once in a while a bullet would fly,
Kick up gravel under my feet.

We were so afraid
you would kill our children,
We dug us a cave that was seven foot deep,
Carried our young ones and pregnant women
Down inside the cave to sleep.

That very night your soldiers waited,
Until all us miners were asleep,
You snuck around our little tent town,
Soaked our tents with your kerosene.

You struck a match
and in the blaze that started,
You pulled the triggers
of your gatling guns,
I made a run for the children
but the fire wall stopped me
Thirteen children died
from your guns.

I carried my blanket
to a wire fence corner,
Watched the fire till
the blaze died down,
I helped some people
drag their belongings,
While your bullets

killed us all around.

I never will forget t
he look on the faces
Of the men and women t
hat awful day,
When we stood around
to preach their funerals,
And lay the corpses
of the dead away.

We told the Colorado Governor
to call the President,
Tell him to call off
his National Guard,
But the National Guard
belonged to the Governor,
So he didn't try so very hard.

Our women from Trinidad
they hauled some potatoes,
Up to Walsenburg in a little cart,
They sold their potatoes a
nd brought some guns back,
And they put a gun in every hand.

The state soldiers jumped us
in a wire fence corners,
They did not know we had these guns,
And the Red-neck Miners
mowed down these troopers,
You should have seen those poor boys run.

We took some cement
and walled that cave up,
Where you killed
these thirteen children inside,
I said, "God bless the Mine Workers' Union"
And then I hung my head and cried.

Informazioni

Il Massacro di Ludlow (Colorado) avvenne il 20 aprile 1914, a seguito della feroce repressione degli scioperi dei minatori da parte delle guardie private dei proprietari delle miniere, guidati dalla Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (della famiglia Rockefeller). Furono uccise almeno venti persone, fra cui dodici fra donne e bambini. Esso fu il momento più tragico della lotta dei minatori, che coinvolse fino a dodicimila lavoratori e durò dall'autunno del 1913 fino al dicembre 1914