

East Tennessee

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I grew up on this moun - tain Came back here to dwell
May - be have a fam - 'ly Plant some corn and dig a well I was all done with the ar - my
Back from Vi - et - nam Where I learned how to hold a rif - le And how to set a bomb
10 9 8 Some-times that's just how it goes 3 2 1 Get out be-fore it blows

I grew up on this mountain
It's in my very soul
So when the company moved next door
Started digging for the coal
Tearing up the mountain
With drillers and draglines
I knew then what needed
To happen to those mines

Chorus

The guard, he was sleeping
On duty thru the night
I stepped gently on the ground
And stayed well out of sight
I tied sticks to the equipment
Switched the timer on
Then I knew that in ten seconds
These dozers would be gone

Chorus

I had to leave the mountain
I headed to the west
The cops were on my trail
And I figured it was best
And I figured I did my small part
To make the world free
In my humble manner
In East Tennessee

Chorus