

# MUSIC

## *Cape Breton's Diversity in Unity*

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### *Billy, Come With Me*

Words and Music by Leon Dubinsky  
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1. Billy, come with me, come with me my son  
I'll make you a man past your years.  
In the mine where the muscle is made of an arm  
In the mine where the boys turn to men  
In the mine where the strength of a back is your pride  
In the mine where you're older than ten.

2. Billy, stay with me, stay with me my son  
You'd not break a poor mother's heart.  
In the mine where the sun never shines on the black  
In the mine where what counts is your size  
In the mine where your brain is of no use at all  
In the mine where my dear brother lies.

3. Billy went with him, went with him at last  
As his father like fathers before.  
In the mine he learned strength from the wisdom of life  
In the mine he earned monies to wed  
In the mine where the coal has no use for a man  
In the mine where young Billy lies dead.

*Repeat first verse*

*Recording:*

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