**Blood on the Coal**

**(Harry Shearer / Christopher Guest / Michael John Mckean - 'A Mighty Wind')**

**Intro: Dm**

 **Dm C**

It was April 27, in the year of 91,

 **Am Dm**

‘Bout a mile below the surface and the warm Kentucky sun.

 **Dm C**

The late shift was ending, and the early shift was late,

 **Am Dm**

The foreman ate his dinner, from a dirty tin plate.

**Chorus:**

**Dm C**

Blood on the tracks, blood in the mine,

 **Am Dm**

Brothers and sisters, what a terrible time.

 **C**

**BARITONE**

Ole 97 went in the wrong hole,

Am

C

Dm

 **Am Dm**

Now in mine number 60, there's blood on the coal,

 **C Am**

Blood on the coal, blood on the coal.

 **Dm C**

Well, the slag pits were steamin', it was 7:25,

 **Am Dm**

Every miner worked the coal face; every one of them alive.

 **Dm C**

The train came round the corner; you could hear the trestle groan,

 **Am Dm**

But the switcher wasn't listenin', so he left the switch alone! - **(Chorus)**

 **Dm C**

Well, the walls began to tremble and the men began to yell,

 **Am Dm**

They could hear that lonesome whistle, like an echo out of...well.

 **Dm C**

They dropped their picks and shovels, as to safety they did run,

 **Am Dm**

For to stay amongst the living, in the year of ninety-one. - **(Chorus)**

 **Dm C**

Now, an Irishman named Murphy said; "I'll stop that iron he-orse!"

 **Am Dm**

And he stood athwart its passage and it crushed him dead of course.

 **Dm C**

And I hope he hears the irony, when e're this tale is told,

 **Am Dm**

The train that took his life was burning good Kentucky coal. (Hey!) - **(Chorus) End with Dm**