

North Country Blues.BCHORDU=

[North Country Blues chords - Bob Dylan](#)

Capo third fret (**Cm** and **Bb**)

[Intro]

Am

[Verse 1]

Am

G

Come and gather round friends and I'll tell you a tale

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Of when the red iron ore pits run a-plenty

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But the cardboard filled windows and old men on the benches

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Tell ya now that the whole town is empty

[Verse 2]

In the north end of town my own children are grown

But I was raised on the other

In the wee hours of youth my mother took sick

And I was brought up by my brother

[Verse 3]

The iron ore poured as the years passed the door

The drag lines and shovels, they was hummin'

'Til one day my brother failed to come home

The same as my father before him

[Verse 4]

With a long winters wait from the window I watched

My friends, they couldn't have been kinder

And my school it was cut as I quit in the spring

To marry John Thomas, a miner

[Verse 5]

Oh the years passed again and the giving was good

With a lunch bucket filled every season

But with three babies born, the work was cut down

To half a day's shift with no reason

An' the shaft was soon shut and my work was cut

And the fire in the air, it felt frozen

'Til a man come to speak and he said in one week

That number eleven was closing

[Verse 6]

They complain in the east they payin' to high

They say that your ore ain't worth diggin'

That it's much cheaper down in the South American towns

Where the miners work almost for nothin'

[Verse 7]

So the minin' gates locked and the red iron rotted

And the room smelled heavy from drinkin'

When the sad silent song made the hour twice as long

As I waited for the sun to go sinking

[Verse 8]

I lived by the window as he talked to himself

The silence of tongues, it was building

'Til one morning's wake, the bed it was bare

And I's left alone with three children

[Verse 9]

The summer is gone, the ground's turning cold

The stores one by one they are folding

My children will go as soon as they grow

For there ain't nothin' here now to hold them

(Simplified Intervarsal thing)

Am