

Ludlow Massacre

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spring time ___ when the strike was on; ___ They drove us mi ___ -ners out of doors, ___ Out from the

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houses ___ that the com pa - ny owned; ___ We moved in - to tents ___ up at old Lud - low. ___ I was worried

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bad ___ a ___ - bout my children, ___ Sol - diers guard - ing ___ the rai road bridge; ___ Every once in a

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while, ___ a bul - let would fly, ___ Kick up gra - vel ___ un - der my feet. ___ We were so

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a - fraid you would kill our children; ___ We dug a cave ___ that was se - ven foot deep, ___ Carried our

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young ones ___ and pregnant wo - men ___ down in - side ___ the cave to sleep. ___ That ve - ry

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night___ your_ sol-diers wait-ed___ Un-til all us mi____ -ners were a - sleep;___ You snuck a -

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round___ our lit-tle tent town,___ Soaked our tents___ with your ker - o - sene.____ You struck a

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match and in the blaze that started,___ You pulled the triggers of your gat-ling guns; I made a run for the

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children___ but the fire wall stopped me;___ Thirteen children died from your guns.____ I carried my

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blanket___ to a wire fence cor-ner,___ Watched the fire___ till the blaze died down;___ I helped some

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peo-ple___ drag their be - longings,___ While your bul-lets killed us all a - round.____ I ne-ver will

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for-get___ the___ look on the fa - ces___ of the men and wo-men that a w-ful day,___ When we stood

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a-round___ to preach their fun-'rals,___ And lay the corpses of the dead a - way.____ We told the

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Gov'rnor__ to__ call the Pres-i-dent,__ Tell him to call off his National Guard,__ But the Na-tional

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Guard__ be-longed to the Gov'rnor,__ So he did-n't try__ so ve-ry hard.__ Our wo-men from

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Trin-i-dad they__ hauled some po-ta-toes Up to Walsen-burg in a lit-tle cart,__ They sold their

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po-ta toes and brought some guns back,__ And they put a gun__ in ev-'ry hand. The state sol-diers

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jumped us in a wire fence cor-ners,__ They did not know__ we had these guns,__ And the Redneck

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Mi-ners__ mowed down these sol-diers,__ You should have seen__ those poor boys run.__ We took some

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ce-ment__ and walled that cave up__ Where you killed these thirteen children in - side,__ I said, "God

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bless__ the Mine Work ers' U-nion,__ And then I hung__ my head and cried.__