Sago Mine Disaster

After the news they were found alive
  I'm adding this this morning
  From joyful, happy, jubilation
To the pain and tears and mourning

  How could this have happened?
  Why was the good news so wrong?
  And though some knew about it
  Why did the truth take so long?

Then there is the rage and anger
  That has come a bit too late
  About all the safety violations
That have sealed those Miners Fate

  If the officials with the power
  From Fed, State, or Company
  Had fulfilled their obligations
They could have stopped this tragedy

If the men themselves had complained
They probably would have been let go
But what could those violations cost?
  Well sadly now, we all know

Just another of those lessons learned
  Though we all know that isn't so
Soon it will be the same ol' same
  To guarantee the money flow

  Lives are cheap and expendable
  When it comes to the bottom line
  Seems it's always been and will be
For those folks down in the Mine

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