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# Church Hill Tunnel

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<sup>C</sup> Our daddy worked for the <sup>F</sup> C&O  
<sup>C</sup> He loved those trains and the places that he'd go <sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> Richmond town was where we <sup>F</sup> settled down  
<sup>C</sup> The only home we'd ever know <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> twenty years he rode the lines of steel <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> as loader-brakeman, then as engineer <sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> when he'd get home we'd stay up through the night <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> to hear his tales by candle light <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

Chorus

<sup>G</sup> A moon of bone shines down on the tracks <sup>C</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Where Church Hill Tunnel has fallen in <sup>C</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> The C&O man said daddy's gone <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> And won't be comin' home again <sup>F</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

2 meas. turn then inst. verse

<sup>C</sup> well, Momma told us that we ought to pray <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> when Mrs. Mason came around that day <sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> the killer tunnel that ran beneath the clay <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> stole her Tom and dad away <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

Chorus

<sup>G</sup> A moon of bone shines down on the tracks <sup>C</sup>

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<sup>G</sup> The C&O man said daddy's gone <sup>C</sup> <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> And won't be comin' home again <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

2 meas. turn then inst. verse

<sup>C</sup> Church Hill Tunnel claimed so many lives <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> the railroad sealed it so no one else would die <sup>G</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> a locomotive engine still buried deep inside <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> train whistles still make momma cry <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

Chorus

<sup>G</sup> A moon of bone shines down on the tracks <sup>C</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> Where Church Hill Tunnel has fallen in <sup>C</sup>  
<sup>G</sup> The C&O man said daddy's gone <sup>C</sup> <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> he won't be comin' 'cause daddy's gone <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>F</sup>  
<sup>C</sup> And won't be comin' home again <sup>F</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup>

