

Stan Ridgway, Overlords

Well, I been breakin' rocks
Up on coolie number three
I know it's been forever
Thought you'd never hear from me
The weather here is rotten
Rainin' granite all the time
And both moons are glowin' purple
And there is no sun to shine

I keep diggin' deep down in a tunnel that goes
Twenty miles down
And I know my life is cheap
When I hear that rumblin' sound

Oh, the overlords
Got me workin' overtime
Oh, the overlords
No, they never make it rhyme

And there is somethin' in the air
That is burnin' in my throat
A big black cloud is passin'
Droppin' acid on my coat
Oh, the overlords
Got me workin' overtime

It's been ten years and a day
After World War Nine
They pushed us to make meaning
And from the meaning was our crime
Last night I had a dream
When the guards all fell asleep
Oh, I jumped a fence outside this pen
And then I hot wired up the warden's jeep
And then I took a walk...

Chorus repeat

I still remember all the nights
We had together up on Mars
We both stood in line to get some new tattoos
While the kids got cut some scars
When they check the beds tonight
I'll leave a note scratched in the pine:
"You now can seek me underground
Where I'll be monkey-wrenchin' all the time"

Chorus repeat

From a planet out in space
A signal you could trace
Controlling what you feel
But you never see their face
Oh, the overlords
Got me workin' overtime
Oh, the overlords
Oh, the overlords

Oh, the overlords
Oh, the overlords
Yeah, the overlords
Yeah, the overlords