Tecumseh Valley by Townes Van Zandt

4/4 time—four beats per chord unless connected by – then two beats for each chord

C C C -- F C C
The name she gave was Caro line
F F C C
The daughter of a miner
F F C – C/B Am Am
And her ways were free and it se emed to me
G G F F C C
That the sunshine walked beside her

C C C -- F C C
She come from Spencer, a cross the hill
F F C C
She said her pa had sent her
F F C – C/B Am Am
Cause the coal was low and soon the snow
G G F F C C
Would turn the skies to winter.

C C C -- F C C
She said she'd come to look for work
F F C C
She was not seekin' favors
F F C – C/B Am Am
For a dime a day and a place to stay
G G F F C C
She'd turn those hands to labor

Well times were hard and jobs were few
All through Tecumseh Valley
But she asked around and a job she found
Tending bar at Gypsy Sally's

Well she saved enough to get back home
When spring replaced the winter
But her dreams were denied her pa had died
The word came down from Spencer.

Well she took to whorin' out in the streets
With all the grief inside her
And it was many a man who returned again
To walk that road beside her.

They found her down beneath the stairs
That led to Gypsy Sally's
And in her hand when she died was a note that cried
Fare-thee-well, Tecumseh Valley

The name she gave was Caroline
The daughter of a miner
And her ways were free and it seemed to me
That the sunshine walked beside her