

Voices of Children

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Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Ev - ery day in Mer - thyr Vale the min - ing men go down. To
A - ber - fan a - noth - er rain - y day dawns grey and cool. The
roar - ing sound, then si - lence as the tip flows down the hill. —

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seek the coal be - neath the wheel that stands a - bove the town. They
child - ren gath - er in their class - rooms up at Pant - glas school. A -
Dis - be - lief and pa - nic o - ver - come the mor - ning's chill. When

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know death stalks them ev - 'ry turn they take be - low the ground, so
bove them looms five dec - ades spoil tipped high u - pon the domes. Five
res - cue ef - forts cease at last and bells be - gin to toll, —

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they give thanks each time they reach the sur - face safe and sound.
min - utes all the time it needs to bu - ry school and homes.
half a gen - er - a - tion lost to pay the price for coal.

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The sound of mu - sic fills the air from chil - dren of a min - ing

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town — with - out a wor - ry, with - out a care. — Where are the

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voi - ces of the child - ren now? In
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