Cousin Jack

Steve Knightly

VERSE

CHORUS

2. The soil is too poor to make Eden – granite and sea left no choice
   Though visions of heaven sustain us when John Wesley gave us a voice
   Did Joseph once come to St. Michael's Mount? Two thousand years pass in a dream
   When you're working your way in the darkness, deep in the heart of the seam

3. I dream of a bridge on the Tamar – it opens us up to the east
   And the English live in our houses and the Spanish fish in these seas
   Will there be work in New Brunswick, will I find gold in the Cape?
   If I tunnel way down to Australia, oh, will I ever escape?

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Words & music: Steve Knightley

Em **C** **D** **Em**
This land is barren and broken — scarred like the face of the moon
Bm **C** **D**
Our tongue is no longer spoken, these towns all around us face ruin
Em **C** **D** **Em**
Will there be work in New Brunswick, or will I find gold in the Cape?
Bm **C** **D**
If I tunnel way down to Australia will I ever escape?

G **D**
CHORUS: Where there's a mine or a hole in the ground
Em **C**
That's where I'm headed for, that's where I'm bound
D **G** **D/F♯** **Em** **D**
So, look for me under the lode or inside the vein
G **D**
Where the copper, the clay, the arsenic and tin
Em **C**
Run in your blood and get under your skin
D **G** **D/F♯** **Em**
I'm leaving the country behind — I'm not coming back
D **C** **Em**
So, follow me down cousin Jack

Em **C** **D** **Em**
The soil is too poor to make Eden — granite and sea left no choice
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Em **C** **D** **Em**
Did Joseph once come to St. Michael's Mount? Two thousand years pass in a dream
Bm **C** **D**
When you're working your way in the darkness, deep in the heart of the seam **CHORUS**

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Bm **C** **D**
And the English live in our houses and the Spanish fish in these seas
Em **C** **D** **Em**
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Bm **C** **D**
If I tunnel way down to Australia, oh, will I ever escape? **CHORUS**