

Mosquitoville

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Let me tell you 'bout Mosquitoville 1894
there were two hotels and a general store
several hundred diggers maybe more
in lean-to's and tents on the banks of the river
some panned the top some tunneled down
one nugget weighed eleven pound
it even had a Chinatown
Mosquitoville in its day
before the big wet came and washed it all away

Let me tell you 'bout Mosquitoville on the western side
of the great divide near Broken Falls
and the wall of water no one saw
except for the few who survived
unfortunately at the time
most were in the belly of the mine
and didn't get any warning sign
Mosquitoville how many drowned
no one knows the day the big wet took the town

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Let me tell you 'bout Mosquitoville 1952
the time was right in the someone's view
with technology and commodity price
for a massive new mine on the old town site
considering what was at stake
the huge investment they needed to make
they built a mighty levee that couldn't break
Mosquitoville they claimed
will never wash away when the big wet comes again

Let me tell you 'bout Mosquitoville this piece of ground
is all that's left today
since the last big wet came and washed it all away