



The Chairman of the Board

*Mine explosions are a killer, workers know it all too well,
A post-explosion mine is like walking into hell.
The Devil here is gas, it can be a fatal brew
And we're still haunted by Box Flat and Moura No. 2.*

*No stone's been left unturned to eliminate the risk
But The Devil's always lurking in the heart of every pit.
It's a whole lot safer now for countless hours have been spent
By those who recognise the danger and such a bloke is Peter Dent.*

*This man has been relentless in his quest to make mines safe,
Yeah, the kid born in Mt Isa has helped to pave the way
In Gas Chromatography, where he's like The Chairman of The Board
And the best people in this field receive The Peter Dent Award.*

*He was born to work in mining, it's in his family tree,
He finished school, did his trade and got a few degrees
Then rose quickly through the ranks, became a legend of the game,
There's not too many in the industry who don't know Peter's name.*

*Speak to MIM or Simtars, they'll lay it out in spades,
They never will forget the contribution he has made,
He's a Bachelor, He's a Master, a Director with degrees,
He is respected by his peers across the land and overseas.*

*He's the Red Terror of his trade who is loyal to a fault,
He's a husband, he's a dad and he's a man who's worth his salt.
He doesn't mind a beer but you'll rarely see him plastered
And his good mates all will tell you he's a pretty funny bastard.*

*But if you ever rent a car don't let Peter drive,
You'll end up okay but the car may not survive!
And never try to read his memos because you won't get very far,
It seems Peter writes his notes with a thumbnail dipped in tar!*

*Look, he's been honoured on Australia Day but he's just a simple bloke
Who puts friends and family first and he tells the odd good joke
But if you asked him how he's done it all no doubt Pete would say
"Like my old mate Frank Sinatra I did it Myyyyyy Way!"*

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