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A historic and compassionate study into the key Cornish Tin Mining period dated from 1700 - 1914 as this was one of the wonders of the industrial world and it has stamped its mark indelibly on Cornish people, however the revolutionary strikes and devastation from the mines closing permanently are a focal point in this eclectic research. With silhouettes inspired by traditional miners clothing including oversized, masculine styles, but to empower the modern woman. A range of utilitarian fabrics juxtaposed with softer silks and hints of rich metallics to demonstrate the strenuous labour but metals previously mined and the once wealth from the industry. The intentional ladders and distressing of fabrics exhibits the strenuous work these families would've once had to endure. The muddy colours and stained prints exude intention along with the glistening hints of metallic in this collection for the brave woman with an urban eccentric, yet sophisticated style.



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Austell (district organizer). The hall was nicked with strikers and their supporters, and many more were unable to get in because of lack of accommodation. The meeting was quite -orderly.

The men had marched in procession frankly agreed that from Pool, where the mine is; they were of the industry the led by a loudspeaker motorcar, which played marches, and they shouled slogans and sang as they marched. Earlier in the day the men had gone to the mine for their pay for the work they had, done up to the day they

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### The Miner

Every miner is infinitely connected with the earth. All his friends and relations are tucked up here, The wife's grandfather; His second cousin removed Who's now in Bolivia But was in Leru, or is it Saudi Arabia?

The cosmic universe tattooed on their Christmas card list, Indonesia, Australia, Angola and Ganada, Greece and Bulgaria. Each miner a satellite Thrown into the darkness of other countries, With a little bit of explosive, firm muscles, Gornish grit, computerised.

> Everything here is compressed, Even the air which drives all the machinery. Fingers, toe<mark>s, eyes and ears</mark> These are <mark>at a premium.</mark> Rocks can fall suddenly, squashing a man Like a poached egg, but accidents are rare.



This Poem 'The Miner' by James Crowden was written since the closure of South Crofty, the last working tin mine in Cornwall, brought to an end more than 3,000 years of history. This poem records what it was like to labour hundreds of fathoms underground and it pays tribute to all those men, women and children whose lives shaped Cornwall's unique industrial landscape.

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