

SIXTEEN TONS

[Intro] Am G F E7 (2 times)

[Verse 1]

Am G F E7
Some people say a man is made outa mud
Am G F E7
A poor man's made outa muscle 'n blood...
Am C Dm F
Muscle an' blood an' skin an' bone
Am F E7 Am Am E7
A mind that's weak and a back that's strong

[Chorus]

Am G F E7
You load sixteen tons an' whaddya get?
Am G F E7
Another day older an' deeper in debt
Am C Dm F
Saint Peter doncha call me 'cause I can't go
Am E7 Am
I owe my soul to the company sto'

[Verse 2]

Am G F E7
I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine
Am G F E7
I picked up my shovel and I walked to the min
Am C Dm F
Loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal
Am E7 Am
And the Straw boss said, "Well, Bless my soul

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Am G F E7
I was born one morning it was drizzlin' rain
Am G F E7
Fightin' and trouble are my middle name
Am C Dm F
I was raised in the cane-break by an' ol' mama lion
Am E7 Am
Ain't no high-tone woman make me walk the line

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

Am G F E7
If ya see me a-comin' ya better step aside
Am G F E7
A lotta men didn't an' a lotta men died
Am C Dm F
With one fist of iron an' the other of steel
Am E7 Am
If the right one don' getcha then the left one will.

[Chorus]