

Sixteen Tons in Am

Intro: |Am |Am

Verse 1:

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
Some people say a man is made out of mud

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
A poor man's made out of muscle and blood

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
Muscle and blood and skin and bones

|Am (stop) |NC
A mind that's weak and a back that's strong

Chorus:

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
You load sixteen tons, what do you get?

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
A- nother day older and deeper in debt

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
Saint Peter don't you call me, 'cause I can't go

|Am (stop) |NC
I owe my soul to the company store

Verse 2:

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
I was born one morning when the sun didn't shine

|Am / G / |F c / E⁷ /
I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal

|Am (stop) |NC
And the straw boss said, "Wella bless my soul!"

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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 / G / |F / E⁷ /
I was raised in the cane break by an old mama lion

|Am (stop) |NC
Can't no hightoned woman make me walk the line

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Verse 3:

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
If you see me comin' better step aside

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
A lot of men didn't, a lot of men died

|Am / G / |F / E⁷ /
One fist of iron, the other of steel

|Am (stop) |NC
If the right one don't getcha then the left one will

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