

Sixteen Tons (Merle Travis)

Intro: Am Am/G F E Am Am/G F E

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

CHORUS: Am Am/G F E
You load sixteen tons an' whaddy get?
Am Am/G F E
Another day older an' deeper in debt
Am Am/G Dm Dm/F
Saint Peter doncha call me 'cause I can't go
Am Am/G E Am
I owe my soul to the company sto' (repeat last line 3x to end)

Am Am/G F E Am Am/G F E
I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine, I picked up my shovel & I went to the mine
Am Am/G Dm Dm/F Am Am/G E Am
Loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal And the Strawboss said, "Well, bless my soul

CHORUS

Am Am/G F E Am Am/G F E
I was born one morning it was drizzlin' rain Fightin' & Trouble are my middle names
Am Am/G Dm Dm/F
I was raised in the cane-break by an' ol' mama hound
Am Am/G E Am
Ain't no high-tone woman gonna push me around

CHORUS

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

CHORUS