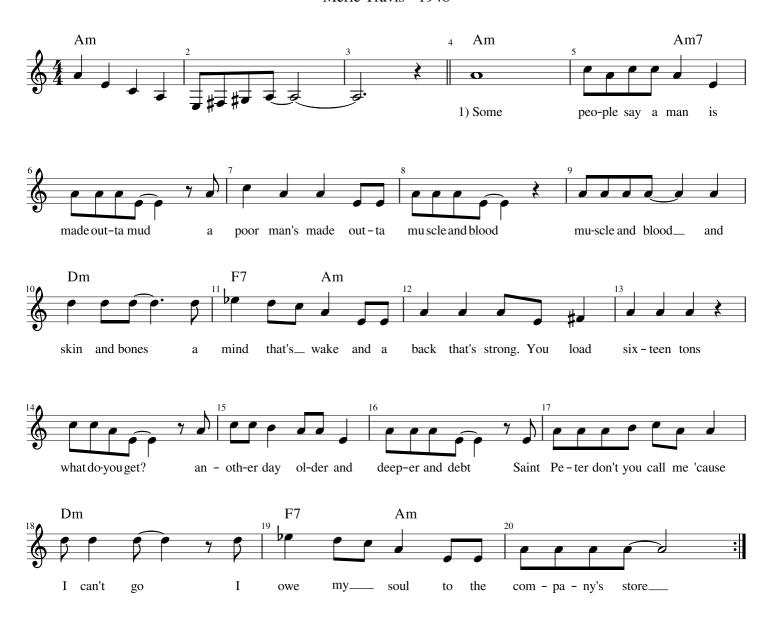
## SIXTEEN TONS

- Merle Travis - 1946 -



- 2) I was born one morning when the sun didn't shine, I picked up my shovel and walked to the mine I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal, and the straw boss said, "Well, bless my soul!" You load sixteen tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company's store.
- 3) I was born one morning it was drizzlin' rain, fightin' and trouble are my middle name I was raised in the canebreak by an old mamma lion, can't no high-toned woman make me walk the line You load sixteen tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company's store.
- 4) If you see me comin' better step a side, a lot of men didn't and a lot of men died One fist of iron and the other of steel, if the right one doesn't get you then the left one will. You load sixteen tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company's store.