

SIXTEEN TONS

- Merle Travis - 1946 -

Am 2 3 4 Am 5 Am7

1) Some peo-ple say a man is

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made out-ta mud a poor man's made out-ta muscle and blood mu-scle and blood__ and

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skin and bones a mind that's__ wake and a back that's strong. You load six-teen tons

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what do-you get? an - oth-er day ol-der and deep-er and debt Saint Pe-ter don't you call me 'cause

18 19 20

I can't go I owe my__ soul to the com - pa - ny's store__

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.