

Sixteen Tons
Tennessee Ernie Ford

INTRO: **Em B Em**

Em

Some people say a man is made out of mud

A poor man s made out of muscle and blood

Am

Muscle and blood and skin and bones

Em

A mind that s weak and a back that s strong

Em

You load sixteen tons what do you get

Another day older and deeper in debt

Am

Saint Peter don t you call me cause I can t go

Em

(**Em B Em**)

I owe my soul to the company store

Em

I was born one morning when the sun didn t shine

I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine

Am

I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal

Em

And the straw boss said well a bless my soul

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I was born one morning it was drizzling rain

Fighting and trouble are my middle name

Am

I was raised in the canebreak by an old mama lion

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Ain t no high tone woman make me walk the line

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If you see me coming better step aside

A lot of men didn t a lot of men died

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One fist of iron the other of steel

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If the right one don t get you then the left one will

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