

4/4 time
Key of Em

52
Intro Em/Am/Em

SIXTEEN TONS

Em
Some / people say a man is / made out of mud
A / poor man's made out of / muscle and blood /
muscle and blood, and / ^{Am} skin and bones
a / ^{Em} mind that's weak and a / back that's strong

CHORUS:

Em
You load / sixteen tons and / what do you get?
Another day older and / deeper in debt.
Saint / Peter don't you call me 'cause / ^{Am} I can't go
I / ^{Em} owe my soul to the / company store /

Em
I was / born one morning, it was / drizzling rain
A / , fightin' and trouble are / my middle name
I was / raised in a cane-break by an / ^{Am} old mama lion,
ain't no / ^{Em} high-toned woman make me / walk the line
(chorus)

Em
If you / see me comin' better / step aside,
A / lotta men didn't, and a / lotta men died /
One fist of iron, the / ^A other of steel,
If the / ^E right one don't get you, then the / left one will
(chorus)

*Repeat
chorus
(A)*