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Sixteen Tons

Tennessee Ernie Ford

V1: Am G F E
Some people say a man is made outa mud
Am G F E
A poor man's made outa muscle 'n blood...
Am C Dm F
Muscle an' blood an' skin an' bone
Am E Am
A mind that's weak and a back that's strong

C: A G F E
You load sixteen tons an' whaddya get?
Am G F E
Another day older an' deeper in debt
Am C Dm F
Saint Peter doncha call me 'cause I can't go
Am E Am
I owe my soul to the company sto'

V2 Am G F E
I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't
shine
Am G F E
I picked up my shovel and I went to the mine
Am C Dm F
Loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal
Am E Am
And the Strawboss said, "Well, Bless my soul

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You load sixteen tons an' whaddya get?
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Another day older an' deeper in debt
Am C Dm F
Saint Peter doncha call me 'cause I can't go
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V3: Am G F E
I was born one morning it was drizzlin' rain
Am G F E
Fightin' and trouble are my middle name
Am C Dm F
I was raised in the cane-break by an' ol' mama
hound
Am E Am
Ain't no high-tone woman gonna push me
around.

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Another day older an' deeper in debt
Am C Dm F
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V4: Am G F E
If ya see me a-comin' ya better step aside
Am G F E
A lotta men din't an' a lotta men died
Am C Dm F
With one fist of iron an' the other of steel
Am E Am
If the right one don' getcha then the left one
will.

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