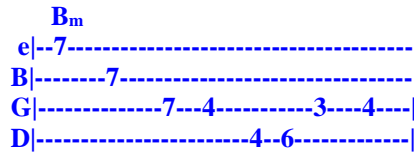


SIXTEEN TONS

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Intro Riff



Verse 1

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Some people say a man is made outta mud
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 Muscle an' blood an' skin an' bone

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 A poor man's made outta muscle an' blood
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 A mind that's weak and a back that's strong

Chorus

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 You load sixteen tons, whaddya get?
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 Saint Peter, doncha call me 'cause I can't go

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Another day older an' deeper in debt
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 I owe my soul to the company sto'

Instrumental Riff

Verse 2

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 And the straw boss said, "Well, bless my soul"

Chorus

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 You load sixteen tons, whaddya get?
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 Saint Peter, doncha call me 'cause I can't go

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Another day older an' deeper in debt
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 I owe my soul to the company sto'

Instrumental Riff

Verse 3

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 I was born one mornin', it was drizzlin' rain
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 I was raised in the cane brake by an' ol' mama lion

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Fightin' and trouble are my middle name
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 Cain't no high-tone woman make me walk the line

Chorus

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 You load sixteen tons, whaddya get?
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 Saint Peter, doncha call me 'cause I can't go

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Another day older an' deeper in debt
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 I owe my soul to the company sto'

Instrumental Riff

Verse 4

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 If ya see me comin' better step aside
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 One fist of iron, the other of steel

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 A lotta men didn't, a lotta men died
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 If the right one don' get you then the left one will

Chorus

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 You load sixteen tons, whaddya get?
B_m **D** **E_m** **G**
 Saint Peter, doncha call me 'cause I can't go

B_m **A** **G** **F[#]**
 Another day older an' deeper in debt
B_m **F[#]** **B_m**
 I owe my soul to the company sto'

Outro Riff

