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SIXTEEN TONS

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BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM

BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM

VERSE

5. 6. 7.

1. PEOP-LE SAY A MAN IS MADE OUT OF MUD - A POOR MAN'S MADE OUT OF  
2. BOAR - ONE MORN-IN' WHEN THE SUN DID-N'T SHINE - I PICKED UP MY SHOVEL AND I  
3. BOAR - ONE MORN-IN' IT WAS DRI-ZZ-ING RAIN - I FIGHT-IN' AND TROU-BLE ARE -  
4. SEE - ME - COM-IN' BET-TER I STEP A-SIDE - A LOT-TA MEN DID-N'T Y A

8. 9. 10.

MUS-CLE AND BLOOD WALKED TO THE MINE I LOAD-ED MY MID-DLE NAME I WAS LOT-TA MEN DIED

MUS-CLE AND BLOOD AND SKIN AND BONES A SIX-TEEN TONS OF NUM-BER NINE COAL AND THE RAISED IN A LANE-BRAKE BY AN OLE MA-MA LION CAN'T NO ONE - FIST OF I - RON T THE OTH-ER OF - STEEL IF THE

11. 12.

MIND THAT'S WEAK AND A BACK THAT'S STRONG. You LOAD  
STRAW BOSS SAID "WELL A BLESS MY SOUL". You LOAD  
HIGH TONED WO-MAN MAKE ME WALK THE LINE. You LOAD  
RIGHT ONE DINT-A - GOT YOU THEN THE LEFT ONE WILL. You LOAD

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SIXTEEN TONS

CHORUS

13. 14. 15. 16.

SIX-TEEN TONS, WHAT DO YOU GET? — AN — OTH — ER DAY OLD — ER AND DEEP — ER IN DEBT. — SAINT

17. 18. 19. 20.

PE — TER DON'T YOU CALL ME CAUSE I CAN'T GO — I OWE — MY SOUL TO THE COM — PA — NY STORE.

1+2 21. 22. 23. 24.

BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM — BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM (SING 2ND + 3RD VERSES, EACH A 1/2 STEP HIGHER)  
 2. I WAS  
 3. I WAS

COM — PA — NY STORE BUM — BUM — BUM — BUM

3. 21. 22. 23. 24.

BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM — BUM BUM BUM BUM BUM (SING 4TH VERSE IN E B A G A I N — 4. IF YOU — C A N N O T (IF YOU P A R F E R)  
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COM — PA — NY STORE — BUM — BUM — BUM — BUM

4. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.

BUM BUM BUM BUM GET OFF THE FLOOR! — LET'S HAVE SOME MORE!