

16 Tons 6.9 Melody

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Slow,
rubato

Am Introduction E7 Am Verse 1 E7 Am G

You know, some folks say a man's

made out of mud, MUD! A poor man's made out of mus-cle and blood, BLOOD!

Mus-cle and blood, skin and bones, a mind that's weak but a back that's strong! You load

Swing! $\text{♩} = 108$ six-teen tons and what do you get? A - no-ther day old-er and a deep-er in debt, Saint

Pet-er don't you call me be-coz I can't go, I owe my soul to the com-pa-ny store.

Am Instrumental Fill E7 Am E7 Verse 2 Am G

I was born one mor - ning when the

sun did-'nt shine, I picked up my shov - el and walked off to the mine, I load-ed

six-teen tons of num-ber nine coal, The mine boss swore well damn your soul! You load

six-teen tons and what do you get? A - no-ther day old-er and a deep-er in debt, Saint

Pet-er don't you call me be-coz I can't go, I owe my soul to the com-pa-ny store.

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Am Instrumental Fill E7 Am E7 Verse 3 Am G

If you see me com - ing bet - ter

40 F E7 Am G F E7 Am C

step as - ide, A lot of men did-n't and a lot of men died, One fist of ir-on and the

44 Dm Am Am E7 Chorus

oth-er of steel, Well if the right one don't get you then the left one will! You load

47 Am G F E7 Am G F E7

six-teen tons and what do you get? A - no-ther day old-er and a deep-er in debt, Saint

51 Am C Dm Am E7 Am

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The image displays a musical score for a song titled "16 Tons 6.9 Melody". It consists of five staves of music, each with guitar chords written above the notes and lyrics below. The first staff starts at measure 37 and includes an "Instrumental Fill" section. The second staff begins at measure 40. The third staff starts at measure 44 and includes a "Chorus" section. The fourth staff begins at measure 47. The fifth staff starts at measure 51. The chords used include Am, E7, G, F, Dm, and C. The lyrics are: "If you see me com - ing bet - ter", "step as - ide, A lot of men did-n't and a lot of men died, One fist of ir-on and the", "oth-er of steel, Well if the right one don't get you then the left one will! You load", "six-teen tons and what do you get? A - no-ther day old-er and a deep-er in debt, Saint", and "Pet-er don't you call me be-coz I can't go, I owe my soul to the com-pa-ny store."