

16 Tons 6.9

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Slow *Am rubato* **Verse 1**

Melody **Am** **E7** **Am** **E7** **Am** **G** **F** **E7**

Introduction You know, some folks say a man's made out of mud, MUD! A

Alto **Verse 1**

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Tenor **Verse 1**

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Bass **Verse 1**

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5 **Am** **G** **F** **E7** **Am** **C** **Dm** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Chorus**

M 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

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 **Chorus**

T **8** 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 **Chorus**

B 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 **Chorus**

11 **Am** **Swing!** $\text{♩} = 108$ **G** **F** **E7** **Am** **G** **F** **E7**

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

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

T **8** **Swing!** $\text{♩} = 108$ six - teen tons $\text{♩} = 108$ and what do you get? — A - no - ther day old - er and a deep - er in debt, Saint

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

15 Am C Dm Am E7 Am

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

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

T 8 Pet - er don't you call me be - coz I can't go, I owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store.

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

19 Am E7 Am E7 Am Verse 2 G F E7 Am G F E7

M Instrumental Fill 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

A Instrumental Fill Verse 2 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

T 8 Instrumental Fill Verse 2 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

B Instrumental Fill Verse 2 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

25 Am C Dm Am Am E7 Chorus

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

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

T 8 six - teen tons of num - ber nine coal, The mine boss swore well damn your soul, You load Chorus

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

29 Am G F E7 Am G F E7

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

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

T 8 six - teen tons and what do you get? — A - no - ther day old - er and a deep - er in debt, Saint

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

33 Am C Dm Am E7 Am

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

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

T 8 Pet - er don't you call me be - coz I can't go, — I owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store. —

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

37 Am E7 Am E7 Verse 3 Am G F E7 Am G F E7

M Instrumental Fill If you see me com - ing bet - ter step as - ide, — A lot of men did - n't and a lot of men died,

A Instrumental Fill If you see me com - ing bet - ter step as - ide, — A lot of men did - n't and a lot of men died,

T 8 Instrumental Fill If you see me com - ing bet - ter step as - ide, — A lot of men did - n't and a lot of men died,

B Instrumental Fill If you see me com - ing bet - ter step as - ide, — A lot of men did - n't and a lot of men died,

43 Am C Dm Am Am E7 Chorus

M 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

A 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

T 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

B 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

47 Am G F E7 Am G F E7

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

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

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

B 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

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

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

T 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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