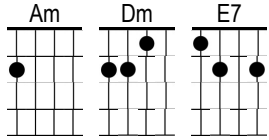


# Sixteen Tons

Tennessee Ernie Ford



## Intro

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Some **Am** people say a man is **1/2Am** made out of **1/2E7** mud  
A **Am** poor man's made out of **1/2Am** muscle and **1/2E7** blood  
**Am** Muscle and blood and **Dm** skin and bones  
A **Am** mind that's weak and a | back that's strong

## Chorus

You load **Am** sixteen tons **1/2Am** what do you **1/2E7** get?  
A **Am** nother day older and **1/2Am** deeper in **1/2E7** debt  
Saint **Am** Peter, don't you call me 'cause **Dm** I can't go  
I **Am** owe my soul to the **1/2Am** company **Am** store

## Repeat Intro

I was **Am** born one morning when the **1/2Am** sun didn't **1/2E7** shine  
I **Am** picked up my shovel and I **1/2Am** walked to the **1/2E7** mine  
I loaded **Am** sixteen tons of **Dm** number nine coal  
And the **Am** straw boss said, "Well, a- | bless my soul!"

## Repeat Chorus

## Repeat Intro

I was **Am** born one mornin' it was **1/2Am** drizzlin' **1/2E7** rain  
**Am** Fightin' and trouble are **1/2Am** my middle **1/2E7** name  
I was **Am** raised in the canebreak by an **Dm** old mamma lion  
Ain't no **Am** high-toned woman make me | walk the line

## Repeat Chorus

## Repeat Intro

If you **Am** see me comin' better **1/2Am** step a **1/2E7** side  
A **Am** lot of men didn't, a **1/2Am** lot of men **1/2E7** died  
**Am** One fist of iron, the **Dm** other of steel  
If the **Am** right one don't get you then the | left one will

## Repeat Chorus

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