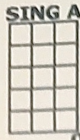


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SIXTEEN TONS-Merle Travis

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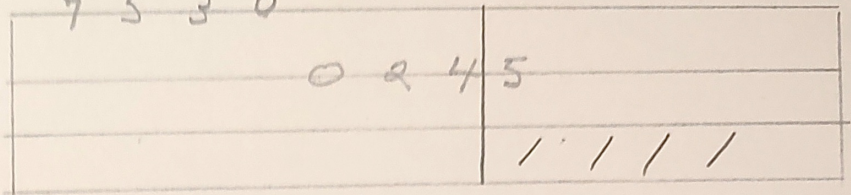
Intro:



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RIFF EACH TIME

HOLD
Am 4 BEATS

Some people say a man is made out of mud, a poor man's made out of muscle and blood
Well, I was born one morning when the sun didn't shine, I picked up my shovel and walked to the mine
Well, I was born one morning it was drizzlin' rain, fightin' and trouble are my middle name
If you see me comin' better step a-side, a lot of men didn't and a lot of men died

4 BEATS
EACH TIME

Muscle and blood and skin and bones, a mind that's weak and a back that's strong
I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal, and the straw boss said, "Well, bless my soul!"
I was raised in the canebreak by an old mamma lion, can't no high-toned woman make me walk the line
One fist of iron and the other of steel, if the right one doesn't get you then the left one will.

CHORUS:



You load sixteen tons and what do you get? An-other day older and deeper in debt



St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company's store.

RIFF

LAST TIME
TO END Am9