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SIXTEEN TONS

Riff #1| 7 3 0 #2| 0 0 2 4 -> Am Am 2000 Am7 0000 F 2010 E7 1202 Dm 2210

Am / Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 Some people say-a man is made outta mud _
 Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 A-poor man's made out-ta muscle 'n blood _
 A| 7 3 0 Am Dm-----F
 E|-----0-0-2-4>>Am Muscle an' blood an' skin an' bone _
 C|----- Am E7-----Am
 G|----- A-mind that's weak and-a back that's strong you-load

Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 Six teen tons _ whad dya get _
 Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 Another day older an' deeper in debt Saint
 Am Dm-----F1 tap
 Peter doncha call-me 'cause I can't go _
 [Am E7-----Am1] Riff 7 3 0 0 0 2 4 -> Am
 [I-owe my soul to-the compa ny store] Last x2 Riff "do-do-do-do do-dodo-do"

Am / Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 1 2 3 4 1 2 I was born one mornin' when-the sun didn't shine _
 Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 I-picked up-my shovel and-I walked to-the mine I-loaded
 Am Dm-----F
 Six teen tons _ of-number nine coal and-the
 Am E7-----Am >box
 Straw boss said well bless my soul you-load

Am / Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 1 2 3 4 1 2 I was born one morning it-was drizz lin' rain _
 Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 Fightin' and trouble are my middle name I-was
 Am Dm-----F
 Raised in-the canebreak by-an' ol' mama lion ain't-no
 Am E7-----Am >box
 High tone woman make-me walk the line you-load

Am / Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 1 2 3 4 1 2 If you see me comin' better step a side _
 Am-----Am7 F-----E7
 A-lotta men didn't _ a-lotta men died _
 Am Dm-----F
 One fist-of iron _ the-other of steel if-the
 Am E7-----Am >box
 Right one-don' get-cha then-the left one will you-load