16 Tons

Robbie Williams

Some people say a man is made outta mud
A poor man's made outta muscle an' blood
Muscle an' blood an' skin an' bones
A mind that's weak and a back that's strong

You loaded sixteen tons an' whaddya get?
Another day older an' deeper in debt
Saint Peter doncha call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the company sto'

I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine
Picked up the shovel and I walked to the mine
I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal
And the strawboss said, "Well, bless my soul!"

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I was born one morning, it was drizzlin' rain
Fightin' and trouble are my middle names
I was raised in the canebrake by an' ol' mama lion
Can't no high-tone woman make me walk the line.

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If you see me comin', better step aside
A lotta men didn't, a lotta men died
With one fist of iron an' the other of steel
If the right one don't getcha then the left one will.

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