

# SIXTEEN

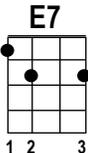
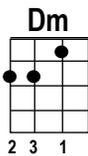
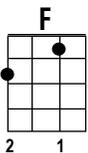
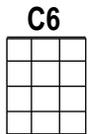
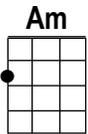
# TONS

BY MERLE  
TRAVIS  
(1946)  
BUT GEORGE S.  
DAVIS CLAIMS IT  
IN 1930's

KEY: Am

4/4 TIME  
SHUFFLE  
GROOVE

STARTING  
NOTE: E



MUTE  
STRUM: ~~♯~~

INTRO: Am// C6// F// E7// Am// C6// F// E7//

SOME

VERSE 1: PEOPLE SAY A MAN IS MADE OUT OF MUD. A POOR MAN'S MADE OUT OF MUSCLE AND BLOOD.  
AM//// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET  
MUSCLE AND BLOOD AND SKIN AND BONES. A MIND THAT'S WEAK AND BACK THAT'S STRONG. YOU LOAD

CHORUS: SIXTEEN TONS WHAT DO YOU GET? A-NOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT. SAINT  
AM// C6// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET AM// C6// F// E7//  
PETER DON'T YOU CALL ME 'CAUSE I CAN'T GO. I OWE MY SOUL TO THE COMPANY STORE.

AM// C6// F// E7//  
I WAS

VER 2: BORN ONE MORNING WHEN THE SUN DIDN'T SHINE. I PICKED UP MY SHOVEL AND I WALKED TO THE MINE. I LOADED  
AM//// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET  
SIXTEEN TONS OF NUMBER NINE COAL AND THE STRAW BOSS SAID "WELL BLESS MY SOUL." YOU LOAD

CHORUS: SIXTEEN TONS WHAT DO YOU GET? A-NOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT. SAINT  
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AM// C6// F// E7//  
I WAS

VER 3: BORN ONE MORNING, IT WAS DRIZZLING RAIN. FIGHTIN' AND TROUBLE ARE MY MIDDLE NAME. I WAS  
AM//// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET  
RAISED IN THE CANE-BREAK-BY-AN-OLD-MAMA LION. AIN'T NO HIGH TONE WOMAN MAKE ME WALK THE LINE. YOU LOAD

CHORUS: SIXTEEN TONS WHAT DO YOU GET? A-NOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT. SAINT  
AM// C6// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET AM// C6// F// E7//  
PETER DON'T YOU CALL ME 'CAUSE I CAN'T GO. I OWE MY SOUL TO THE COMPANY STORE.

AM// C6// F// E7//  
IF YOU

VER 4: SEE ME COMING BETTER STEP A-SIDE. A LOT OF MEN DIDN'T A LOT OF MEN DIED. ONE  
AM//// DMIN//// AM ~~♯~~ TACET  
FIST OF IRON THE OTHER OF STEEL. IF THE RIGHT ONE DON'T GET YOU THEN THE LEFT ONE WILL. YOU LOAD

CHORUS: SIXTEEN TONS WHAT DO YOU GET? A-NOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT. SAINT  
TREMOLLO-RUBATO  
AM// C6// DMIN//// AM AM//// E7// AM/ REST  
PETER DON'T YOU CALL ME 'CAUSE I CAN'T GO. I OWE MY SOUL TO THE COMPANY STORE.

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