

Sixteen Tons
Merle Travis

Key of D

Intro: Chords for last 2 lines of chorus

v1:

Some **Dm** people **Dm7** say a man is made out of mud
 A poor man's made out of muscle and blood
 Muscle and blood and skin and bones
 A mind that's weak and back that's strong

chorus:

You load **Dm** sixteen tons and what do you get **A7**
 Another day older and deeper in debt **Dm7**
 Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go **Bb7**
 I owe my soul to the company store **A7** **Dm**

v2:

Well, I was born one morning when the sun didn't shine **Dm**
 I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine **Dm7**
 I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal **Gm**
 And the strawboss said "Well - a bless my sole" **Dm** -- **CHORUS**

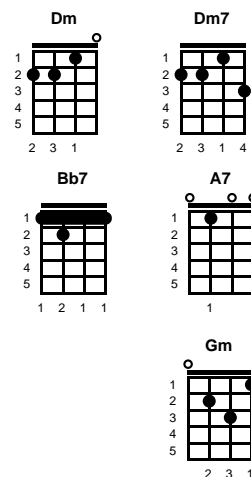
v3:

I was born one morning, it was drizziling rain **Dm**
 Fightin and trouble are my middle name **Dm7**
 I was raised in a cane brake by an ole mama lion **Bb7**
 Cain't no high toned woman make me walk the line **A7** **Dm** -- **CHORUS**

v4:

If you see me comin better step aside **Dm**
 A lotta men didn't and a lotta men died **Dm7**
 One fist of iron, the other of steel **Gm**
 If the right one don't get you then the left one will **Dm** -- **CHORUS**

STANDARD



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