

Sixteen Tons/"Tennessee" Ernie Ford

M. Travis

8 I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine Picked
5 up a shovel and I walked to the mine I hauled Sixteen Tons of
8 number nine coal And the straw boss said, "Well, bless my soul" You haul
11 Sixteen Tons, and whaday a get? Another day older and deeper in debt Saint
15 Peter don't you call me cause I can't go I owe my soul to the
18 company store I was born one morning it was drizzle and rain Fight
23 in' and Trouble are my middle name Raised in a canebrake by an old mama lion
27 And no hightoned woman can make me walk the line You haul Sixteen Tons,
30 and whaday a get? Another day older and deeper in debt Saint
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