

## **Tennessee Ernie Ford**

### **"16 Tons"**

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I was born one morning when the sun did't shine I  
picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine I loaded  
sixteen tons of number nine coal and the straw-boss  
said well bless my soul -CH. you load sixteen tons and  
what do you get another day older and deeper in debt  
saint peter don't you call me cause I can't go I owe my  
soul to the company store--vs#2I was born one  
morning it was drizzling rain fighting and trouble are  
my middle names I was raised in the cane-break by an  
old mamma lion ain't no high tone woman can make  
me walk the line.CHO-VS3--If you see me coming you'd  
better step aside, alot of men did'nt and alot of men  
died I've got one fist of iron and the other of steel,if the  
right one don't get you then the left one will --CHO

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