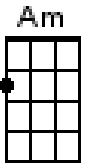
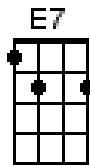


16 Tons – Tennessee Ernie Ford

Intro: **[Am]** Do do do do **[E7]** do do do **[Am]** do

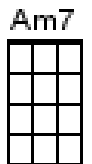


Some **[Am]** people say a **[Am7]** man is **[F7]** made out of **[E7]** mud,
A **[Am]** poor man's **[Am7]** made out of **[F7]** muscle and **[E7]** blood,
[Am] Muscle and blood and **[Dm]** skin and bones,
A **[Am]** mind that's weak and a back that's **[E7]** strong

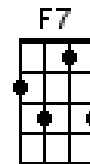


Chorus:

You load **[Am]** sixteen **[Am7]** tons and **[F7]** what do you **[E7]** get?
A-**[Am]**nother day **[Am7]** older and **[F7]** deeper in **[E7]** debt,
St. **[Am]** Peter, don't you call me 'cause **[Dm]** I can't go.
[Am] owe my soul to the **[E7]** company's **[Am]** store.

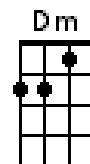


Well I was **[Am]** born one **[Am7]** morning when the **[F7]** sun didn't **[E7]** shine,
I **[Am]** picked up my **[Am7]** shovel and **[F7]** walked to the **[E7]** mine,
I loaded **[Am]** sixteen tons of **[Dm]** number nine coal,
And the **[Am]** straw boss said, "Well, bless my **[E7]** soul!"



Repeat Chorus:

Well, I was **[Am]** born one **[Am7]** morning it was **[F7]** drizzlin' **[E7]** rain,
[Am] Fightin' and **[Am7]** trouble were **[F7]** my middle **[E7]** name
I was **[Am]** raised in the canebreak by an **[Dm]** old mamma lion,
Can't no **[Am]** high-toned woman make me **[E7]** walk the line



Repeat Chorus:

Well if you **[Am]** see me **[Am7]** comin' you better **[F7]** step a-**[E7]**side,
A **[Am]** lot of men **[Am7]** didn't and a **[F7]** lot of men **[E7]** died,
[Am] One fist of iron and the **[Dm]** other of steel,
If the **[Am]** right one don't get you then the **[E7]** left one will.

Repeat Chorus:

Outro: **[Am]** Do do do do **[E7]** do do do **[Am]** do