

# Double "M" Records

MM-212

Music By: Jim Kline

## Sixteen Tons

Recorded by: Merle Travis (1946); Tennessee Ernie Ford (1955);  
Johnny Cash – 1987; numerous others

### **Opener/Break/Closer:** (Sides Face Grand Square)

\*Some people say a man is made outta mud,  
A poor man's made from muscle and blood,  
Muscle and blood and skin and bone,  
A mind that's a-weak - Allemande Left and Weave the Ring,  
You load sixteen ton - what do you get?  
Swing your girl around and Promenade her you bet,  
(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.

### **Figure:**

Heads Promenade and travel halfway around,  
Walk in and Square Thru its four hands around,  
All the way and then Touch a Quarter then,  
Scoot Back and now the Boy Run Right my friend,  
You Star Thru - Pass Thru - Trade By and Swing,  
Swing that corner girl and Promenade that ring,  
Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go,  
I owe my soul to the company store.

### **Additional Lyrics:**

\*I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine,  
I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine,  
I loaded sixteen tons of number nine coal,  
The straw boss said "Well, a-bless my soul."

\*I was born one mornin', it was drizzlin' rain,  
Fightin' and trouble are my middle name,  
I was raised in the canebrake by an ol' mama lion,  
Ain't no-a high-toned woman make me walk the line,

### **Tag:**

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