

SIXTEEN TONS

for S.A.T.E. voices, a cappella*

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Swing ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 152$) ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$)

finger snaps through m. 13

mf

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR

BASS

mf

mf

4 Du du du du du du du du. doom** doom

Some

Some

Some

sim.

8 doom doom — ba doom doom doom doom doom —

peo-ple say a man is made out - ta mud, a poor man's made out - ta

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doom doom doom doom — ba doom doom doom

mus-cle and blood, mus-cle and blood_ and skin and bones, a

mus-cle and blood, mus-cle and blood_ and skin and bones, a

mus-cle and blood, mus-cle and blood_ and skin and bones, a

doom doom_ ba doom doom doom doom du

(end finger snaps)

finger snaps through m. 22

mind that's weak and a back that's strong. You load six - teen tons,

mind that's weak and a back that's strong. You load six - teen tons,

mind that's weak and a back that's strong. You load six - teen tons,

doot Doom doom

wha-da ya get? An - oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint

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doom doom_ ba doom doom doom doom_ ba doom

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(end finger snaps)

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Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I owe my soul to the

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doom doom doom du doot to the

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com - pa - ny store. Du du du du du du du

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com - pa - ny store. Du du du du du du du

com - pa - ny store. Du du du

finger snaps through m. 35

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du oo du oo du oo

du oo du oo

du oo

doom doom doom doom ba doom doom doom

29

du du du du du doot

I was born one morn-in' when the sun did-n't shine,-

du du du du du doot

doom doom - ba doom doom doom doom doom - ba doom

32

du du du du du doot

picked up my shov-el and I walked to the mine, I load-ed

Du du du du du doot

doom doom doom doom - ba doom

34

du du du du doot (end finger snaps)

six-teen tons of num-ber nine coal and the straw boss said, "A well-a opt. BASS SOLO

du du du du doot

doom doom doom du doot opt. BASS SOLO "A well-a

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finger snaps through m. 43

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You load six - teen tons, wha-da ya get? An-
 bless my soul!" You load six - teen tons, wha-da ya get? An-
 You load six - teen tons, wha-da ya get? An-
 bless my soul!" Doom doom doom doom — ba doom

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oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz
 oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz
 oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz
 doom doom doom doom — ba doom doom doom

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(end finger snaps)

I can't go. I owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store.
 I can't go. I owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store.
 I can't go. I owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store.
 doom du — doot to the com - pa - ny store.

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finger snaps through m. 58

S A T B

Du du du du du du du du du du

Du du du du du du du du du du

Du du du du du du du du du du

oo oo

50

S A T B

mf *mp* **With intensity**

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

mp

54 S A T B

doom doom doom doom

grad. cresc. doom doom

step a - side, a lot - ta men did - n't, a

grad. cresc. a lot - ta men did - n't, a

grad. cresc. doom doom ba doom doom

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S A T B

lot - ta men died. One fist of iron, the

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lot - ta men died. One fist of iron, the

doom doom ba doom doom doom

(end finger snaps)



oth - er of steel. — You load

oth - er of steel. — You load

oth - er of steel. — You load

opt. SOLO (end solo)

doom doom — If the right one don't get'cha then the left one will.

finger snaps through m. 65

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opt. DESCANT

Du — du du du du —

S. six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

A. six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

T. six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

B. six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

Doom doom doom doom — ba doom

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(rejoin section)

doot du du du doot

oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint

oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint

oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint

doom doom doom doom ha doom

65 S.

(end finger snaps) *Slowly* *f*

A. Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I

T. Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I

B. Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I

doom doom 'cuz I can't go. I

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quick fall-off *Tempo I* *mf*

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

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finger snaps *Slowly* (end finger snaps) *quick fall-off*

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com - pa - ny store. Du du du du du du du

com - pa - ny store. Du du du du