

SIXTEEN TONS

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

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

finger snaps through m. 13

SOPRANO
mf
Du du du du du du du du.

ALTO
mf
Du du du du du du du du.

TENOR
mf
Du du du du du du du du.

BASS
mf
Du du du du du du du doom** doom

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

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)
mf

* Also available for S.A.B. (41894) and T.B.B. (41895).

** "Doom" - go directly to "m"

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Some ____

Some ____

Some ____

sim.

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

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

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

doom doom doom doom__ ba doom doom doom

11

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

14 (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

(end finger snaps)

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

23

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

com - pa - ny store. Du du du

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

com - pa - ny store. Du du du

finger snaps through m. 35

du oo

du oo

du oo

doom doom doom doom ba doom doom doom

28

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

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

(end finger snaps)

du du du du doot

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

du du du du doot

doom doom doom du — doot "A well - a

opt. BASS SOLO

opt. BASS SOLO

37

finger snaps through m. 43

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

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

(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.

finger snaps through m. 58

46

Du du du du du du du oo

Du du du du oo

Du du du du du oo

Du du du doom doom doom doom ha doom

50

With intensity

*mf**mp**mf**mp**mf**mp**mp*

doom doom doom doom

doom doom

With intensity

*mf**mp*

grad. cresc.

___ step a - side,___

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

grad. cresc.

___ step a - side,___

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

grad. cresc.

___ step a - side,___

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

grad. cresc.

doom

doom ___ ba doom

doom doom

grad. cresc.

lot - ta men died. ___

One fist of iron, ___ the

lot - ta men died. ___

One fist of iron, ___ the

lot - ta men died. ___

One fist of iron, ___ the

doom

doom ___ ba doom

doom

doom

58

(end finger snaps)

oth - er of steel. _ You load

oth - er of steel. _ You load

oth - er of steel. _ You load

opt. SOLO
doom doom _ If the right one don't get-'cha then the left one will *(end solo)*

finger snaps through m. 65

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opt. DESCANT

S.
Du _ du du du du _

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

1.
six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

8.
six - teen tons, wha - da ya get? An -

B.
Doom doom doom doom _ ba doom

(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 ba doom

(end finger snaps)

Slowly

f

Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I
 Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I
 Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz I can't go. I
 doom doom 'cuz I can't go. I
 Slowly *f*

67

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

Tempo I

mf

mf

mf

mf

Tempo I

mf

mf

mf

mf

70

finger snaps

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

com-pa - ny store. Du du du du

com-pa - ny store. Du du du du

com-pa - ny store. Du du du du

Slowly

(end finger snaps)

quick fall-off

Slowly