

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

mf

SOPRANO
Du du du du du du du du.

mf

ALTO
Du du du du du du du du.

mf

TENOR
Du du du du du du du du.

mf

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

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

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

* 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

17

18

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

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

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

doom doom - ba doom doom doom doom - ba doom

20

(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

26

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

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finger snaps through m. 43

37

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

40

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

43

(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 du oo

Du du du du oo

Du du du du du du du oo

Du du du doom doom doom doom ha doom

50

With intensity

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

If you see me com-in' bet-ter

doom doom doom doom doom doom

With intensity

54

grad. cresc.

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

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

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

doom doom ba doom doom doom

grad. cresc.

doom doom ba doom doom doom

56

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

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

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

doom doom ba doom doom doom

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

61

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

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

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

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

doom doom 'cuz I can't go. I

Slowly *f*

Tempo I

67

quick fall-off

mf

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

Tempo I

mf

70

finger snaps

Slowly
(end finger snaps)

quick fall-off

com-pany store. Du du du du du du du du

com-pany store. Du du du du du du du du

com-pany store. Du du du du du du du du

com-pany store. Du du du du du du du du

Slowly