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Sixteen Tons

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SIXTEEN TONS

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

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Swing (♩ = ca. 152) (♩♩ = ³♩)

mf *finger snaps through m. 13*

TENOR
Du du du du du du du du.

BARITONE
Du du du du du du du du.

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

PIANO (for rehearsal only)
mf

4 7

Some_____

Some_____

sim.

doom doom — ba doom doom doom doom —

* Also available for S.A.T. B. (41893) and S.A.B. (41894).

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

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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
 doom doom — ba 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,
 doot Doom doom

wha - da ya get? An - oth - er day old - er and
 wha - da ya get? An - oth - er day old - er and
 doom doom — ba doom doom doom

deep - er in debt. Saint Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz
 deep - er in debt. Saint Pe - ter, don't 'cha call me 'cuz
 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.
 doom du — doot to the com - pa - ny store.

24

Du du du du du du du du

Du du du du du du du du

Du du du doom doom

27

28

oo

oo I was

doom doom — ba doom doom doom doom — ba doom

30

du du du du doot

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

doom doom doom doom — ba doom

du du du du doot

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

doom doom doom doom ba doom

(end finger snaps)

du du du du doot

six - teen tons of num-ber nine coal and the straw boss said,

doom doom doom du doot "A well - a

opt. SOLO

finger snaps through m. 43

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
 oth - er day old - er and deep - er in debt. Saint
 doom doom doom — ba doom

42

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 doom du —

44

(end finger snaps)

owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store. Du du du du
 owe my soul to the com - pa - ny store. Du du du du
 doot to the com - pa - ny store.

finger snaps through m. 58

47

du du du du oo

Du du du du oo

Du du du doom doom doom doom ba doom

50

If you

If you

doom doom doom doom

53

With intensity

see me com-in' bet-ter step a-side, a

see me com-in' bet-ter step a-side, a

doom doom doom doom ba doom

With intensity

55 *grad. cresc.*

lot - ta men did - n't, a lot - ta men died.____

lot - ta men did - n't, a lot - ta men died.____

doom doom doom doom____ ba doom

grad. cresc.

57

One fist of iron,____ the oth - er of steel.____

One fist of iron,____ the oth - er of steel.____

doom doom doom doom____ If the

opt. SOLO

59 *(end finger snaps)*

You load

You load

(end solo)

right one don't get - 'cha then the left one will.

finger snaps through m. 65

61

opt. DESCANT

Du _____ du du du du _____

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

B.
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

doom doom doom doom _____ ba doom

65 T.

(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

doom doom 'cuz I can't go. I

67

quick fall-off

Tempo I

mf

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

owe my soul to the

70

finger snaps

Slowly
(end finger snaps)

quick fall-off

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

com - pa - ny store. Du du du du

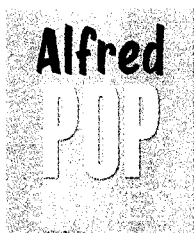
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