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Moderately

Em

Some people say a man is made out of mud.
born one morn-in' when the sun didn't shine.
I
born one morn-in', it was drizz-l ing rain.
see me com-in' bet-ter step a-side.

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skin and bones, a mind that's weak and a back that's strong. You load
num-ber nine coal and the straw boss said, "Well-a bless my soul." You load
ole ma-ma lion, can't no high-toned woman make me walk the line. You load
oth-er of steel, if the right one don't a-get you, then the left one will. You load

six-teen tons, what do you get? An-o ther day old-er and deep-er in debt. Saint

Pe-ter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the com-pa-ny store.

I was
I was
If you