

# Big Bad John

Charlie Daniels

Every morning at the mine  
You could see him arrive  
He stood six-foot-six and weighed two forty five  
Kinda broad at the shoulder and narrow at the hip  
And every one knew you didnt give no lip to Big John  
Nobody knew where John called home  
Just drifted into town and stayed all alone  
Didnt say much just kinda quiet and shy  
If he spoke at all he'd just say hi I'm Big John  
Somebody said he'd com from New Orleans  
Where he got in a fight over a cajun queen  
And a crashin' blow from a huge right hand  
Sent a Louisiana feller to the promised land

Big John

(Chorus) BIG JOHN X2

(Bass) BIG BAD JOHN

And there came that day way down in the mine  
When the timber cracked and men started cryin'  
And miners were prayin' and hearts beat fast  
And everyone though they'd done breathed their last  
Except John  
Through the smoke and the dust this man made hell  
Walked a giant of a man that the miners knew well  
Grabbed a sack of timber and gave out with a groan  
And like a giant old tree just stood there alone  
Big John

(Chorus) BIG JOHN X2

(Bass) Big Bad John

With all of his strength he gave a mighty shove  
And a miner hollered out "There's a line up above!"  
As twenty men scrambled out of a would-be grave  
Now there's only one left down there to save Big John  
With jacks and timbers started back down

And they heard a rumble way down in the ground  
And the smoke and gas belched out of that mine  
Everyone knew it was the end of the line for Big John

(Chorus) BIG JOHN X2

(Bass) Big Bad John

They never re-opened that worthless pit  
They just put a marble slab over it  
These few words are written on that slab...  
"AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS MINE  
LIES ONE HELL OF A MAN,  
BIG JOHN"

(Chorus) BIG JOHN X4

(Bass) Big Bad John.....

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