

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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