**Big John**

**KEY: G**

**(Big John), (Big John)**

**(Spoken) [G] Ever' mornin' the mine you could see him arrive**

**He stood [C] six-foot six and weighed two forty-five**

**Kinda [D] broad at the shoulders and narrow at the hip**

**Ever'-[G] body knew you didn't [D] give no "lip", to Big [G] John;**

**(Big [C] John), (Big [D] John), Big Bad [G] John, [D] (Big [G] John).**

**Nobody seemed to know where John called home**

**He just drifted into town and stayed all alone**

**He didn't say much, kinda quiet and shy**

**And if you spoke at all, you just said hi, to Big John;**

**Somebody said he came from New Orleans**

**Where he got in a fight over a Cajun Queen**

**And a crashin' blow from a huge right hand**

**Sent a Louisana fellow to the promised land, Big John;**

**(Big [C] John), (Big [D] John), Big Bad [G] John, [D] (Big [G] John).**

**Then came the day at the bottom of the mine**

**When a timber cracked and men started cryin'**

**Miners were prayin' and hearts beat fast**

**And ever'body tho't that they'd breathed their last, 'cept John;**

**Thru the dust and the smoke of this man made hell**

**Walked a giant of a man that the miners knew well**

**Grabbed a sagging timber and gave out with a groan**

**And like a giant Oak tree just stood there alone, Big John;**

**(Big [C] John), (Big [D] John), Big Bad [G] John, [D] (Big [G] John).**

**CHANGE TO A:**

**With all of his strength, he gave a mighty shove**

**Then a miner yelled out, there's a light up above**

**And twenty men scrambled from a would-be grave**

**And now there's only one left down there to save, Big John;**

**With jacks and timbers they started back down**

**Then came that rumble way down in the ground**

**And smoke and gas belched out of that mine**

**And ever'body knew it was the end of the line, for Big John;**

**(Big [C] John), (Big [D] John), Big Bad [G] John, [D] (Big [G] John).**

**Now they never reopened that worthless pit**

**They just placed a marble stand in front of it**

**These few words are written on that stand**

**At the bottom of this mine likes a big, big man, Big John;**

**(Big John), (Big John), Big Bad John, (Big John), (fade) (Big John).**