

# Big Bad John

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G F  
Every moning at the mine you could see him arrive  
G F  
He stood six foot six and weighed 245  
G F  
Kinda broad at the shoulder and narrow at the hip  
G F G  
And everybody knew you didn't give no lip to Big John.  
Em C D G  
Big John, Big Jaw----won, Big Bad John.

Nobody seemed to know where John called home  
He just drifted into town and stayed all alone  
Didn't say much a-kinda quiet and shy  
And if you spoke at all you just said high to Big John  
Somebody said he came down from New Orleans  
Where he got in a fight over a Cajun Queen  
And a crashing blow from a huge right hand  
Sent a Louisiana fellow to the Promised Land Big John

(Chorus)

Ab Gb  
Then came one day at the bottom of the mine  
Ab Gb  
When a timber cracked and the men started crying  
Ab Gb  
Miners were paraying and their hearts beat fast  
Ab Gb Ab  
And everybody thought they'd breathed their last 'cept John  
Ab Gb  
Through the dust and the smoke of this man made Hell  
Ab Gb  
Walked a giant of a man that the miners knew well  
Ab Gb  
Grabbed a sagging timber and gave out with a groan  
Ab Gb Ab  
And like a giant oak tree just stood there alone Big John  
Fm Db Eb Ab  
Big John, Big Jaw----won, Big Bad John  
A G  
With all of his strength he gave a mighty shove  
A G  
Then a miner yelled out "There's a light up above  
A G  
And 20 men scrambled from w would be grave  
A G A  
Now there's only one left down there to save Big John  
A G  
With jacks and timbers they started back down  
A G  
Then came that rumble way down in the ground  
A G  
And smoke and gas belched from outta that mine  
A G A  
Everybody knew it was the end of the line for Big John  
D E A  
Big John, Big Jaw----won, Big Bad John.