

Botany Bay

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Farewell to your gangers and gang planks, to hell with your overtime

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to take out Pat with a shovel on his back
To the shores of Botany Bay.

I'm on my way down to the quay where the ship at anchor lays
To command a gang of navvys that they told me to engage
I thought I'd drop in for a drink before I went away
For to take a trip on an emigrant ship to the shores of Botany Bay

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The boss came up this morning, he says "well Pat you know
If you don't get your navvys out I'm afraid you have to go"
So I asked him for me wages and demanded all my pay
For I told him straight, I'm going to emigrate to the shores of Botany Bay

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And when I reach Australia I'll go and look for gold
There's plenty there for the digging of, or so I have been told
Or else I'll go back to my trade and a hundred bricks I'll lay
Because I live for an eight hour shift on the shores of Botany Bay