Poor Paddy

The Pogues

In eighteen hundred and forty-one The corduroy breeches I put on Me corduroy breeches I put on To work upon the railway, the railway I'm weary of the railway Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-two From Hartlepool I moved to Crewe Found myself a job to do A working on the railway

I was wearing corduroy breeches Digging ditches, pulling switches Dodging pitches, as I was Working on the Railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-three I broke the shovel across me knee I went to work for the company On the Leeds to Selby railway

I was wearing corduroy breeches Digging ditches, pulling switches Dodging pitches, as I was Working on the Railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-four I landed on the Liverpool shore My belly was empty me hands were raw With working on the railway, the railway I'm sick to my guts of the railway Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-five When Daniel O'Connell he was alive When Daniel O'Connell he was alive And working on the railway

I was wearing corduroy breeches Digging ditches, pulling switches Dodging pitches, as I was Working on the Railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-six I changed my trade to carrying bricks I changed my trade to carrying bricks To work upon the railway

I was wearing corduroy breeches Digging ditches, pulling switches Dodging pitches, as I was Working on the Railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-seven Poor Paddy was thinking of going to Heaven The old bugger was thinking of going to Heaven To work upon the railway, the railway I'm sick to my death of the railway Poor Paddy works on the railway

I was wearing corduroy breeches Digging ditches, pulling switches Dodging pitches, as I was Working on the Railway