

The Bricklayer's Song

The Corries

Dear Sir, I write this note to you to tell you of me
plight
And at the time of writing I am not a pretty sight
Me body is all black and blue, me face a deathly gray
And I write this note to say why I'm not at work today

While working on the fourteenth floor some bricks I had
to clear
Now to throw them down from such a height it was not a
good idea
The foreman wasn't very pleased, he bein' an awkward
sod
He said I'd have to cart them down the ladders in me
hod

Now clearing all these bricks by hand it was so very
slow
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured the rope below
But in me haste to do the job I was too blind to see
That a barrel full of building bricks was heavier than
me

And So when I untied the rope the barrel fell like lead
And clinging tightly to the rope I started up instead
Well, I shot up like a rocket 'til to my dismay I found
That halfway up I met the bloody barrel coming down

Well, the barrel broke me shoulder as to the ground it
sped
And when I reached the top I banged the pulley with me
head
But I Clung On Tightly numb With Shock From This
Allmighty Blow
While The Barrel Spilled Out Half Its Bricks Some 14
Floors Below

Now, when these bricks had fallen from the barrel to
the floor
I then outweighed the barrel and so started down once
more
Still clinging tightly to the rope I sped towards the
ground
And I landed on the broken bricks that were all
scattered round

Now The Force Of This Collision Halfway Down The Office
Block
Caused Multiple Abrasions And A Nasty Case Of Shock
But I Clung On Tightly To The Rope As I Fell Towards
The Ground
And I Landed On The Broken BRicks The Barrell Had
Scattered Round

Now As I Lay There On The GROUND I Thought I'd Passed
The Worst
But The Barrel Hit The Pulley Wheel And Then The Bottom
Burst

A Shower Of Bricks Rained Down On Me I Didn't Have A
Hope
As I Lay There Bleeding On The Ground I Let Go The
Bloody Rope

The Barrell Now Being Heavier So Started Down Once More
It Landed Right Across Me As I Lay There On The Floor
It Broke 3 ribs And My Left Arm And I Can Only Say
I Hope You'll Understand Why I Am Not At Work Today