

## My Time Again

The Rumjacks

My Daddy he were just a boy when he walked outta school,  
His Mammy said there'd soon be one more hungry mouth to fill,  
He said 'the learnin' and the schoolin' wurnae bad for them tha  
t could,  
Tho' I can read & write my bloody name & sign it where I should  
,  
And he said..  
'If I had my time again, I know I'd be a learned man,  
An artisan in high demand, a Doctor or a Teacher,  
As sure as guns are made of iron, I were born a workin man,  
I'd live & die right where I stand if I'd my time again'.  
He went wide eyed down tae Johnny Brown, he were a big lad for  
his years,  
And there he worked so long if he ever cried there'd be iron or  
e in his tears,  
He'd tumble in of a Friday night a Haddie for yer tea,  
And he'd sing to me their dirty songs & diddle me on his knee,  
And he'd sing..  
'If I had my time again, I know I'd be a rovin' man,  
I'd rove away to far Japan to court the Emperors daughter..  
With his mates he'd belt the plates on fleets of shining awe,  
To carry all the well-to-do to golden foreign shores,  
They all coughed themselves to an early grave half filled with  
bloody rain,  
As the people sang 'The Long Black Limousine',  
We all sing!..  
'If I had my time again, I know I'd be a fightin' man,  
In far Malay or Vietnam, tho' I am more a lover..'