Botany Bay

The Wolfe Tones

Farewell to your bricks and mortar, farewell to your dirty lies Farewell to your gangers and gang planks And to hell with your overtime For the good ship Ragamuffin, she's lying at the quay For to take oul 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, To the shores of botany bay Farewell to your bricks and mortar, farewell to your dirty lies Farewell to your gangers and gang planks And to hell with your overtime For the good ship Ragamuffin, she's lying at the quay For to take oul Pat with a shovel on his back To the shores of Botany Bay The boss came up this morning, he says "Well, Pat you know If you don't get your navvys out, I'm afraid you'll have to go" So I asked him for my wages and demanded all my pay For I told him straight, I'm going to emigrate to the shores of Botany Bay Farewell to your bricks and mortar, farewell to your dirty lies Farewell to your gangers and gang planks And to hell with your overtime For the good ship Ragamuffin, she's lying at the quay For to take oul Pat with a shovel on his back To the shores of Botany Bay 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, Farewell to your bricks and mortar, farewell to your dirty lies Farewell to your gangers and gang planks And to hell with your overtime For the good ship Ragamuffin, she's lying at the quay For to take oul Pat with a shovel on his back To the shores of Botany Bay