

# I'm the Man That Built the Bridges

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I'm the man that built the bridges  
I'm the man that laid the track  
I'm the man that built this country  
With my shoulders and my back  
I'm the man that built the power dams  
Oiled all the cars  
And I laid down the cornerstone  
For this great land of ours  
I cleared the rocks and timber from the wild New England shore  
And I laboured long and hard to make it grow  
I fought the savage Indian and I raised a family  
I built the first log cabins and I raised a family

Told King George and all his Redcoats where to go  
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I'm the boy that drove the wagons when the people headed west  
Dug canals and pulled the barges on their way  
I built and ran the factories, cut the timber for your homes  
Drove the oxen when I cut and baled the hay  
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I built the old sod shanties and I raised the prairie towns  
And I made the railroad run from sea to sea  
I raised and drove the cattle to feed a growing land  
And the mining towns are there because of me  
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Well, I stoked the mighty furnaces and rolled the flamin' steel  
I operated oil rigs and wells  
And when the country needed them, I built the planes and tanks  
To send the tyrants down to fry in hell  
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Well, my face may not be pretty and my clothes are not the best  
And there ain't no big shots in my family tree  
But if you're wonderin' who it was that made this country great  
You don't have to look no further, it was me  
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