

# 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