

## Patrick on the Railroad

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Much of the labor of the railroads  
Was done by Chinese and Irish immigrants  
An Irishman was known as a Patrick

In eighteen hundred and forty one  
I put my cordoroy britches on  
Put my cordoroy britches on  
To work up on the railway

Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
To work up on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty two  
I left the old world for the new  
Bad 'cess the luck that brought me through  
To work up on the railway

Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
To work up on the railway

We left old Ireland to come here  
And spent our latter days in cheer  
Our bosses they did drink strong beer  
And Pat worked on the railway

Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
Philly me-oo, re-eye, re-aye  
And Pat worked on the railway

It's "Pat do this" and "Pat do that"  
Without a stocking or cravat  
Nothing but an old straw hat  
And Pat worked on the railway

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And Pat worked on the railway