

# Smoke Shovelling Song

The Incredible String Band

Last winter blew so cold no lies  
And my fire smoke would not rise  
Soon as the smoke would tried to depart  
It'd be froze up harder than a landlord's heart

I called up the police yes and they came around  
Three days later and very brought down  
Sergeant he gave me this hysterical croak says  
"What do you think you have going here, some kind of joke?"  
Of course I wasn't laughing

He says, "You're causing us officers so much grief  
Why don't you give us some relief?  
Why don't you call the fire brigade?  
Or maybe why don't you try shovelling  
The smoke up the chimney with a spade"

I borrowed a spade from the woman next door  
And I broke up the smoke that remained on the floor  
I was shovelling away  
'Till the closing day singing a smoke-shovelling song

After working so hard I went out to my yard  
And I looked up to my chimney so long  
There was nothing to see there  
Just a thousand foot high, way into the sky  
Was a pillar of smoke full of song

There was an airplane stuck in it  
But I didn't notice at first  
It was so cunningly disguised as a dragon

Come the summer at last, though it was rainy and fast  
The pillar it melted away  
Now the airplane fell with a big smoky smell  
And echoing around all over the town  
Was the words of the smoke shovelling song

Any anyone telling a bigger story  
Would have to be telling a lie  
And anyone think a bigger one up  
Have to be very high