

Synopsis

An Irish Navvy describes his career during the 1840s

Text

In eighteen hundred and forty-one
My corduroy breeches I put on
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To work upon the railway, the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-two
I moved from Hartlepool to Crewe
And found myself a job to do
A-working on the railway, the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-three
I broke my shovel across my knee
and went to work for the company
On the Leeds and Selby, railway, the railway,
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-four
I landed on the Liverpool shore
I landed on the Liverpool shore
To work upon the railway, the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-five
When Daniel O'Connell he was alive
When Daniel O'Connell he was alive
And working on the railway, the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-six
I made my trade to carrying bricks
I made my trade to carrying bricks
For working on the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

In eighteen hundred and forty-seven
Poor Paddy was thinking of going to Heaven
Poor Paddy was thinking of going to Heaven
To work upon the railway, the railway
I'm weary of the railway
Poor Paddy works on the railway

Glossary:

Source of Text: The Shuttle and Cage Industrial Folk Ballads
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Music.**Poor Paddy works on the Railway**

$\text{♩} = 120$



Oh, in eight - een hun-dred an' for - ty one, Me dung-ga-ree breech-es I put on,
Oh me dun-ga-ree breech - es I put one, To work up - on the rail - way, —
The rail - - - way, I'm wear - - y of the rail - - - way,
Oh poor Pad - dy works on the rail - - - way.

Source of Music: As text

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Variant Set: 008 – Paddy Works on the Railway

Notes on the Song and Its Historical Background

See Variant set 008; Paddy Works on the Railway