The Ballad Of Morgan The Moon
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A song/poem about an old man from the Rhondda who became the first man to land on the moon!

(**F#**) Old Moc the Mechanic, (**B**) I remember him (**F#**) well
(**B**) He once built a (**F#**) rocket, (**B**) or so they will (**C#**) tellâ€¦
(**F#**) From and old winding engine that (**B**) he found on the (**F#**) dole
(**B**) It was built in the (**F#**) Rhondda (**C#**) and powered by (**F#**) coal.

Chorus:
Sing (**F#**) Falderal (**B**) Dalderal (**F#**) Day

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Chorus

And when it was finished, he painted it red,
and he called it (pause) Bethania.. or so it is said.
And they took up a mountain on a night late in June
To get that bit closer, said Morgan the Moon.

Chorus

Sleepy Treorchy was bathed in white light
when the shuddering hulk, took off in the night.
A deafening scream and then a great roar as up passed the houses old Morgan did go!
His heatshield was glowingâ€¦ like anthracite coal!
And we prayed down in Cardiff, in mission control.
(**F#**) And the barrow wheels dropped
(**B**) As was previously (**F#**) planned and (**B**) old Morgan prepared for (**C#**) Bethania to (**F#**) land.

Chorus

He landed like linen on a crusty old crater,
Dai said heâ€™d get there lunar or later!
(**F#**) So off Morgan went in the (**B**) moon swirling (**F#**) dust
(**B**) To collect some rock (**F#**) samples from a (**C#**) craterâ€™s hard (**F#**) crust.

Chorus

A strange piece of rock soon old Morgan found,

It was lying there shining on the dust covered ground
He picked it up closely and he let out a callâ€¦
â€˜Cause written right through it in Welsh was Porthcawl!

Chorus