

The Bricklayers Song
The Corries

G D G
Dear Sir I write this note to you to tell you of my plight
C G D
For at the time of writing it I m not a pretty sight
C G D C
My body is all black and blue, my face a deathly grey
G C D G
And I write this note to say why I am not at work today

G D G
While working on the fourteenth floor some bricks I had to clear
C G D
But tossing them down from such a height was not a good idea
C G D C
The foreman wasn t very pleased he is an arkward sod
G C D G
And he said I had to cart them down the ladders in me hod

G D G
Well clearing all these bricks by hand it was so very slow
C G D
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured a rope below
C G D C
But in me haste to do the job, I was to blind to see
G C D G
That a barrel full of building bricks was heavier than me

G D G
And so when I untied the rope the barrel fell like lead
C G D
And clinging tightly to the rope I started up instead
C G D C
I shot up like a rocket, and to my dismay I found
G C D G
That halfway up I met the bloody barrel coming down

G D G
Well the barrel broke me shoulder as to the ground it sped
C G D
And when I reached the top I banged the pulley with me head
C G D C
But I clung on tightly numb with shock from this almighty blow
G C D G
While the barrel spilled out half it s bricks some fourteen floors below

G D G
When these bricks had fallen from the barrel to the floor

C G D
I then outweighed the barrel and so started down once more
C G D C
But I clung on tightly to the rope me body racked with pain
G C D G
And halfway down I met the bloody barrel once again

G D G
Now the force of this collision halfway down the office block
C G D
Caused multiple abrasions and a nasty case of shock
C G D C
But I clung on tightly to the rope as I fell towards the ground
G C D G
And I landed on the broken bricks the barrel had scattered round.

G D G
Now as I lay there on the ground I thought I d passed the worst
C G D
But the barrel hit the pulley wheel and then the bottom burst
C G D C
A shower of bricks rained down on me I didn t have a hope
G C D G
As I lay there bleeding on the ground I let go of the bloody rope

G D G
The barrel now being heavier so started down once more
C G D
It landed right across me as I lay there on the floor
C G D C
It broke three ribs and my left arm and I can only say
G C D G
I hope you`ll understand why I am not at work today