

Paddy And The Barrel
The Fureys

PADDY AND THE BARREL (THE SICK NOTE)

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DEAR SIR I WRITE THIS NOTE TO YOU TO TELL YOU OF MY PLIGHT.

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FOR AT THE TIME OF WRITING I AM NOT A PRETTY SIGHT

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MY BODY IS ALL BLACK AND BLUE,

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MY FACE A DEATHLY GRAY

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AND I WROTE THIS NOTE TO SAY WHY PADDYS NOT IN WORK

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TODAY

WHILST WORKING ON THE FOURTEETH FLOOR, SOME BRICKS I HAD TO CLEAR, TO THROW THEM
DOWN FROM SUCH A HEIGHT
NOT A GOOD IDEA. THE FOREMAN WASN`T VERY PLEASED, HE IS AN AWKWARD SOD, HE SAID
I`D HAVE TO CART THEM DOWN
LADDERS IN ME HOD.

NOW CLEARING ALL THOSE BRICKS BY HAND, IT WAS SO VERY SLOW, SO I HOISTED UP A
BARREL AND SECURED THE ROPE
BUT IN MY HASTE TO DO THE JOB I WAS TO BLIND TO SEE, THAT A BARREL FULLOF
BUILDING BRICKS WAS HEAVIER
ME.

AND SO, WHEN I UNTIED THE ROPE THE BARREL FELL LIKE LEAD, AND CLINGING TIGHTLY
TO THE ROPE I STARTED UP
I SHOT UP LIKE A ROCKET, TILL TO MY DISMAY I FOUND, THAT HALFWAY UP I MET THE
BLOODY BARREL COMING DOWN!

THE BARREL BROKE MY SHOULDER AS TO THE GROUND IT SPED, AND WHEN I REACHED THE
TOP I BANGED THE PULLY WITH

HEAD. I HUNG ON TIGHTLY, NUMB WITH SHOCK FROM THIS ALMIGHTY BLOW, AND THE BARREL SPILLED OUT HALF THE FOURTEEN FLOORS BELOW.

NOW WHEN THOSE BRICKS HAD FALLEN FROM THE BARREL TO THE FLOOR, I THEN OUT WHEIGHED THE BARREL, AND SO DOWN ONCE MORE! STILL CLINGING TIGHTLY TO THE ROPE, MY BODY RACKED WITH PAIN WHEN, HALFWAY DOWN I MET THE BLOODY ONCE AGAIN!

THE FORCE OF THIS COLLISION HALFWAY UP THE OFFICE BLOCK CAUSED MULTIPLE ABRASIONS AND A NASTY STATE OF STILL CLINGING TIGHTLY TO THE ROPE, I FELL TOWARDS THE GROUND, AND I LANDED ON THE BROKEN BRICKS THE BARREL ROUND.

I LAY THERE, GROANING ON THE GROUND, I THOUGHT I`D PASSED THE WORST, BUT THE BARREL HIT THE PULLEY-WHEEL THEN THE BOTTOM BURST! A SHOWER OF BRICKS RAINED DOWN ON ME-I HADN`T GOT A HOPE, AS I LAY THERE BLEEDING THE GROUND-I LET GO THE BLOODY ROPE!

THE BARREL THEN BEING HEAVIER, IT STARTED DOWN ONCE MORE, AND LANDED RIGHT ACROSS ME AS I LAY UPON THE IT BROKE THREE RIBS AND MY LEFT ARM, AND I CAN ONLY SAY THAT I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND WHY PADDYS NOT IN WORK TODAY!