

## Clan Of Xymox

### "Why Paddys Not At Work Today"

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It's on a Clancy Brothers CD "Live with Robby O'Connell"  
or somesuch. The  
Song is called "Dear Boss."  
Dear Boss I write this note to you to tell you of my plight  
And at the time of writing I am not a pretty sight  
Me body is all black and blue and me face a deadly  
gray  
And I hope you'll understand why Paddy's not at work  
today  
I was workin' on the 14th floor; some bricks I had to  
clear  
And throwin' 'em down from such a height was not a  
good idea  
The foreman wasn't very pleased, he bein' an awful  
sod  
And he said I'd have to take them down the ladder in  
me hod  
Now shiftin' all those bricks by hand it seemed so awful  
slow  
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured a rope below  
But in my haste to do the job I was too blind to see  
That a barrel full of buildin' bricks was heaveier than  
me  
Now when I came down I cut the rope and the barrel fell  
like lead  
And clinging tightly to the rope I started up instead  
I shot up like a rocket and to my dismay I found  
That halfway up I met the bloody barrel comin' down  
Now the barrel broke me shoulder as to the ground it  
sped  
And when I reached the top I struck the pulley with me  
head  
I still clung on though numbed and shocked from this  
almighty blow  
And the barrel spilled out half the bricks 14 floors  
below  
Now when the bricks had fallen from the barrel to the  
floor  
I then outweighed the barrel and I started down once  
more  
Still clinging tightly to the rope I headed for the ground

And I fell among the broken bricks that were all  
scatter'd 'round  
As I lay there moaning on the floor sure I thought I'd  
passed the worst  
Then the barrel struck the pulley wheel and didn't the  
bottom burst  
A shower of bricks came down on me sure I haven't got  
a hope  
And as I was losing consciousness... I let go the bloody  
rope  
Now the barrel it being heavier it started down once  
more  
And it landed right across me as I lay there on the floor  
I broke three ribs and my left arm and I can only say  
That I hope you'll understand why Paddy's not at work  
today

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