

Graham Parker "Honest Work"

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As long as you give me my pay
You'll get your moneys worth
I'll be there 8 hours a day
I won't hide and I won't shirk

I got a way with a hammer and a nail
A dovetail and a tongue and groove
Put up a wall in half a day
Guarantee it'll never move

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I'm gonna build a strong foundation
Marble walls like Grand Central Station
Not gonna feel any more frustration
Do enough work for an entire nation

Gonna get a chisel and an awl and a saw
Carve my name out on your door
A block and tackle and a spirit level
Take your heart of glass and put on a bevel, yeah

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Got to build a strong foundation
Strong enough to hold up a nation
Strong enough to put your faith in
The roof won't leak and the floor won't cave in

Gonna get a lathe and a capstan press

Take an old claw hammer to this mess
Gonna knock down the walls of denial
Wear 'em down with a pick and a file, yeah

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