

## Jimmy Dean "Steel Men"

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Steel men, hey  
Working on a bridge of steel  
Working on a bridge of steel

Out on the rocky western coast  
Of Vancouver by the sea  
At a place that's  
Known as Second Narrows  
They were building a bridge of steel

Well, they hammered  
And they cut and they riveted  
And the welding torches were bright  
Making a strap on a river's back  
When upon one fatal night

(CHORUS)  
Steel men, hey  
Working on a bridge  
To cross that water  
Steel men, ho  
Working on a bridge of steel

Well, it happened on  
The eighteenth day of June  
Back in nineteen fifty plus eight  
People were fishing from the shore  
The day was getting late

Now the wind was  
Tugging at the maple trees  
But a steel man knows no fear  
If somebody wanted  
To bridge the Pacific  
Well, a steel man would be there

(CHORUS)

Well, all of a sudden  
Now, the wind picked up  
And it blew as hard as it could  
And that steel bridge swayed

Like a leaf in the breeze  
And it snapped like a stick of wood

Now the girders buckled  
And the rivets broke  
And the water heard the cry  
And that steel bridge  
Shook off the working men  
Like a hounddog shakes off flies

(CHORUS)

Eighteen men just as hard as nails  
And as eager as a brand new bride  
And as the clock on the  
Tower said quarter of four  
All eighteen had died

(CHORUS)

Steel men, ain't going back  
To a wife and daughter  
Steel men, living and dying by steel

Living and dying by steel  
Living and dying by steel  
Living and dying by steel

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