

Leslie Fish "The Digwell Carol"

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It is the time of Digwell, now Summer's gone away.
People come from miles around to meet on Digwell
day.
We all come here with mighty stones, with gravel,
rocks, and sand,
Bring it here with ox carts or with buckets in your hand.

Chorus:

Pile high, pile high, the devil's underground.
Pile high, pile high, keep the devil down.

And bring you all your blighted crops and blighted
beasts beside,
And coffins of this season's dead that of the blight
have died.
Bring them to the mountain's top and fetch the
boulders near,
'Tis fitting that the blighted dead should all be buried
here.

So fetch the boulders, sand, and stones, and pile them
deeply here.
We bury now the sorrows, sins, and bad luck of the
year,
And when the mountain's higher by the mound we build
today,
Then we shall feast and dance and sing this autumn
night away.

For back in our forefathers' time, the devils ruled this
land.
They made cruel wars and laws to rule the folks on
every hand.

They spoiled the land and water, and they poisoned
half the sky.
They cared for nothing but their power, though man
and nature die.

In time the danger grew so fierce it threatened them as
well,
And so they dug deep in the Earth and hid them safe in

Hell.
They hoped to wait in comfort 'till the poisons wore
away,
For then they could come out again and rule another
day.

They hid themselves below the ground and left the
people here,
Amid the blight that they had made and even they
must fear,
But still the people stayed alive, and well they
promised then
That all the devils hid in Hell would never rule again.

And so our fathers hunted 'til they found the secret
gate,
And there they piled the boulders high above where
devils wait,
And thus we've ever after done these many years and
more,
So now our manmade mountain stands above their exit
door.

Pile high, pile high, the devil's underground, oh,
Pile high, pile high, keep the devil down

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