

DEAR BOSS

G G Am G
DEAR BOSS I WRITE THIS NOTE TO YOU TO TELL YOU OF MY PLIGHT
C G Am C
AND AT THE TIME OF WRITING, I AM NOT A PRETTY SIGHT
C G Am C
ME BODY IS ALL BLACK AND BLUE, AND ME FACE A DEADLY GRAY.
G G Am G
AND I HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY PADDY'S NOT AT WORK TODAY.

G G Am G
I WAS WORKIN' ON THE FOURTEENTH FLOOR SOME BRICKS I HAD TO CLEAR
C G Am C
AND THROWIN' THEM DOWN FROM SUCH A HEIGHT WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
C G Am C
THE FOREMAN WASN'T VERY PLEASED, HE BEIN' AN AWFUL SOD
G G Am G
HE SAID I'D HAVE TO TAKE THEM DOWN THE LADDER IN ME HOD.

G G Am G
NOW SHIFTEIN' ALL THOSE BRICKS BY HAND IT SEEMED SO AWFUL SLOW
C G Am C
SO I HOISTED UP A BARREL AND SECURED A ROPE BELOW
C G Am C
BUT IN MY HASTE TO DO MY JOB I WAS TOO BLIND TO SEE
G G Am C
THE BARREL FULL OF BUILDIN' BRICKS WAS HEAVIER THAN ME.

G G Am G
NOW WHEN I CAME DOWN I CAUGHT THE ROPE AND THE BARREL FELL LIKE LEAD
C G Am C
AND CLINGING TIGHTLY TO THE ROPE I STARTED UP INSTEAD
C G Am C
I SHOT UP LIKE A ROCKET AND TO MY DISMAY I FOUND
G G Am C
THAT HALF WAY UP I MET THE BLOODY BARREL COMIN' DOWN.

G G Am G
NOW THE BARREL BROKE ME SHOULDER AS TO THE GROUND IT SPED
C G Am C
AND WHEN I REACHED THE TOP I STRUCK THE PULLEY WITH ME HEAD
C G Am C
I STILL HUNG ON, THOUGH NUMB AND SHOCKED FROM THIS ALMIGHTY BLOW
G G Am C
AND THE BARREL SPILLED OUT HALF THE BRICKS FOURTEEN FLOORS BELOW

G G Am G
NOW WHEN THE BRICKS HAD FALLEN FROM THE BARREL TO THE FLOOR
C G Am C
SURE I THEN OUTWEIGHED THE BARREL AND I STARTED DOWN ONCE MORE
C G Am G
STILL CLINGING TIGHTLY TO THE ROPE I HEADED FOR THE GROUND
G G Am G
I FELL AMONG THE BROKEN BRICKS THAT WERE ALL SCATTERED 'ROUND

AS I LAY THERE MOANING ON THE FLOOR I WAS SURE I'D PASSED THE WORST
BUT THE BARREL STRUCK THE PULLEY WHEEL AND THE BOTTOM THEN DID BURST
A SHOWER OF BRICKS CAME DOWN ON ME, SURE I HADN'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.