

2 In eighteen hundred and forty two,
From Hartlepool I moved to Crewe,
Trying to earn a bob or two,
Working on the railway.

3 In eighteen hundred and forty three,
I broke me shovel across me knee,
And went to work for the company,
On the Leeds and Selby railway.

4 In eighteen hundred and forty four,
I landed on the Liverpool shore.
I was hungry, I was sore,
From working on the railway.

5 In eighteen hundred and forty five,
I said my prayers to stay alive.
I was lucky I survived,
Working on the railway.

6 In eighteen hundred and forty six,
I changed my trade from carrying bricks,
I changed my trade from carrying bricks,
To working on the railway.

7 In eighteen hundred and forty seven,
Paddy was thinking of going to heaven,
Paddy was thinking of going to heaven,
And working on the railway.

8 In eighteen hundred and forty eight,
I landed at St Peter's Gate.
Peter said 'You're very late—
You must be from the railway!'

Harmonies

1 **Chorus**

Oo - - - ree ay, oo - - - ree ay,

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oo - - - ree ay, a - work - ing on the rail - way.

2 **Chorus**

Tigg - er - y oo, _____ tigg - er - y oo, _____

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tigg - er - y oo, _____ work - ing on the rail - way.