

(Chorus) Billy me-oo, re-eye, re-aye, Billy me-oo, re-eye, re-aye, Bil-y me-oo, re-eye, re-aye, To work upon the railway.

In eighteen hundred and forty-two, I left the ould world for the new, Bad 'cess to the luck that brought me through To work upon the railway. Our boss's name it was Tom King, He kept a store to rob the men, A Yankee clerk with ink and pen, To cheat Pat on the railway.

It's "Pat do this" and "Pat do that", Without a stocking or cravat, Nothing but an old straw hat, And Pat worked on the railway.