

Paddy Works on the Railway

William "Paddy" Gaul

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1. Oh in eighteen hundred and forty one,
Me corduroy britches I first put on,
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To work upon the railway, the railway!
I'm weary on the railway,
Oh, poor Paddy on the railway!
2. In eighteen hundred and forty two
Poor Paddy and I had nothing to do,
Poor Paddy and I had nothing to do
But to work upon the railway;
I'm weary on the railway.
Oh poor Paddy works on the railway.
3. In eighteen hundred and forty three
I took my wife along with me.

4. In eighteen hundred and forty four
We landed on Columbia's shore.