

## Murphy and the Bricks

by Pat Cooksey

Dear Sir, I write this note to you to tell you of my plight  
For at the time of writing, I'm not a pretty sight  
Me body is all black and blue, me face a deathly gray  
And I write this note to say why Murphy's not at work today

While working on the 14th floor, some bricks I had to clear  
But to toss them down from such a height was not a good idea  
The foreman wasn't very pleased, he is an awkward sod  
He said I'd have to cart them down the ladders in me hod.

Now shifting all those bricks by hand it was so very slow  
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured a rope below  
But in me haste to do the job I was to blind to see  
That a barrel full of building bricks was heavier than me

And so when I untied the rope, the barrel fell like lead  
And clinging tightly to the rope, I started up instead  
I shot up like a rocket, till my dismay I found  
That half-way up I met the barrel coming down

Now the barrel broke me shoulder, as to the ground it sped  
And when I reached the top, I banged the pulley with me head  
I clung on tightly numb with shock, from this almighty blow  
And the barrel spilled out half the bricks some 14 floors below

Now! when these bricks had fallen from the barrel to the floor  
I then outweighed the barrel and so started down once more  
Still clinging tightly to the rope, me body wracked with pain  
And half way down I met the bloody barrel once again

Now the force of this collision half way down the office block  
Caused multiple abrasions and a nasty state of shock  
Still clinging tightly to the rope, I fell towards the ground  
And I landed on the broken bricks scattered all around

I lay there groaning on the ground, I thought I'd past the worst  
But the barrel hit the pulley wheel and then the bottom burst  
A shower of bricks rained down on me, I didn't have a hope  
As I lay there bleeding on the ground I let go of the bloody rope

Now, the barrel then being heavier, it started down once more  
It landed right across me as., I lay there on the floor  
It broke three ribs and my left arm and I can only say  
I hope you'll understand why Paddy's not at work today