

Key: Any

Genre: Folk

Harp Type: Diatonic

Skill: Any

## Crooked Jack

56 -6 -6-6 6-6 7 7 -8

Come Irishmen both young and stern

7 -8 8 -8 7-6 6 56

With adventure in your soul

7 -7 -6-6 -6 6-6 7 7 -8

There are better ways to spend your days

7 -8 8 -8 7 -6 -6 -6


Than in working down a hole

8 8 9 8 8 -8 7-8 -8 -8

I was tall and true, all of 6 foot 2

7 -8 8 -8 7-66 5 6

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But they broke me across the back

7 -7 -6 -6 -6 6 -6 7 7 -8

By a name I'm known and it's not my own

7-8 8-8 7 -6 -6 -6

They call me Crooked Jack

The ganger's blue-eyed boy was I

Big Jack could do no wrong

And the reason simply was because

I could work hard hours and long

I've seen men old before their time

Their faces drawn and gray

I never thought so soon would mine


Be lined the self same way

I've cursed the day that I went away

To work on the hydro dams

For sweat and tears or hopes and fears


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Bound up in shuttering jams  
They say that honest toil is good  
For the spirit and the soul  
But believe me boys it's for sweat and blood  
That they want you down a hole  
recorded by Dick Gaughin

## Lyrics

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