

Written by Myles Rudge and composed by Ted Dicks. Recorded by Bernard Cribbins in 1962, it was a number nine hit in the UK Singles Chart and remains his highest charting and the most successful of his three hit singles, staying on the chart for 13 weeks.

Intro: [D6] [A7+] [D6] [A7+] [D6] [A7+] [D6] [A7+]

[D6] There I [A7+] was, a- [D6] digging this [A7+] hole
[D] Hole in the [F#] ground, so [Bm] big and sort of [D7]
round it was

There [A7] was [Em7] I, [A7] digging it [D] deep
It was [C#7] flat at the bottom and the [F#] sides were steep
When a- [F#m] long comes this [E7] bloke in a bowler
Which he [A7] lifted and scratched his [D] head, [A7+] whoah
Well he [D6] looked down the [A7+] hole,
[D6] Poor demented [B7] soul and he [Em7] said
"Do you mind if [A7] I make a suggestion?"

[D6] Don't dig [A7+] there,
[D] Dig it else- [A7+] where
You're [D6] digging it [Bm] round
And it [D] ought to be [D7] square
The [G] shape of it's wrong;
It's [F#] much too long
And you [E7] can't put a hole
Where a [A7+] hole don't be- [D] long [A7+]

I [D6] ask you, [A7+] what a liberty, [D6] eh?
[A7+] Nearly bashed him [D6] right in the [A7+] bowler

Well [D6] there was [A7+] I,
[D6] Stood in me [A7+] hole
[D] Shovelling [F#] earth
For [Bm] all I was [D7] worth
[A7] There was [Em7] him,
[A7] Standing up [D] there
So [C#7] grand and official
With his [F#] nose in the air
So I [F#m] gave him a [E7] look sort of sideways
And I [A7] leaned on my shovel and [D] sighed
[A7+] Well I [D6] lit me a [A7+] fag
And [D6] having took a [B7] drag I re- [A7] plied

I [D] just couldn't [A7+] bear
To [D] dig it else- [A7+] where
I'm [D6] digging it [Bm] round
'Cos I [D] don't want it [D7] square
And if you [G] disagree
It doesn't [F#] bother me
[E7] That's the place where the [A7+] hole's gonna [D] be

[A7+] [D6] [A7+] [D6] [A7+] [D6] [A7+]

[D] Well there we [A7+] were,
Dis- [D] cussing this [A7+] hole
[D] Hole in the [F#] ground
So [D6] big and sort of [E7] round
Well it's [A7] not there [Em7] now,
The [C7] ground's all [B7] flat
And be- [Em7] neath it is the bloke
In the [Bb7] bowl- [A7] er [D] hat [A7+]
And [A7+] that's [D] that!