

# Pile Driver

Stan Ridgway

There is a big click clack machine  
Whose engines don't pump gasoline  
It's a poundin' crazy arm that works all day  
It's run by all the people who  
Have got some blueprint plan to do  
So don't shake your head "cno, just nod and say "okay"  
And before I knew it, I got shoved in line  
Marchin' south in single file, and countin' off in time

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Now here's a big wide open space  
So wipe that smile right off your face  
And replace it now with a look of stern regard  
It's the early bird that gets the worm  
So what happens when the worm will learn  
It's the older ways for new we will discard

And someone sent us this big machine that guarantees  
There'll be no argument at all when we're packin' one of these

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But wait a minute  
Did you hear it cough  
This crazy arm  
We can't turn off  
It's rollin' round  
And diggin' down a mile  
Look out "c"cthis big machine  
Has gone hog wild!

So look out, world, we're buildin' now  
When the hammer hits, the thumb says "ow!"  
Somewhere you know there's progress made  
One thing's for sure, we'll get our asphalt laid  
This big machine has run amuck  
And someone somewhere passed the buck  
So keep an ear out for that whistle call  
And duck when you see that wreckin' ball

And hey, bob, don't light that match, we could explode  
I'll move some dirt while you block off the road

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