

'Fred Dibnah'
Steve Waling

you know like eez your dad innee
knocks down chimneys wi his bare hands

lives in a Victorian waistcoat of the mind
they gev him a medal for looking like your dad

drove a steamroller through the Condition
of the English Working Class Or like y'know

mebbe your granddad wore a woal steam railway
like a kerchief round his considerable neck

who like a mad thing ran from the collapsing
industries of the North dropping like

so many bricks about uz yeds
he must be your dad or your dad's dad's dad

wandering back from the dole with a face
like the factory wall he just knocked down