

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Brian Miller and Randy Gosa: Roll Drivers Roll

Writing/Essay/Journal

Brian Miller and Randy Gosa sing about the dignity of hard work in their performance of *Roll Drivers Roll*, an old folk song in the Midwest lumber camps. The song was adapted from another folk song about hard work, *Drill Ye Tarriers Drill*, about Irish immigrants working on the railroads in the mid-19th Century.

Think about another occupation that requires hard work, whether physically or mentally. Write your own rendition of a “work song” that could be sung by a group of workers in that field. Make sure your lyrics capture the essence of that occupation: the hardships, the camaraderie, etc. Title your song in a similar way: *VERB* , *OCCUPATION* , *VERB AGAIN* .



Activity

Create a Want Ad to attract workers to the job you chose to write about above. Check out ads in newspapers and online to see what they include. Be sure to write a description of the work that will be done and the skills needed to be successful. Enhance the appeal of your ad with graphics or illustrations.