

Post and wire shanty

Ch:-

*Post and wire is all the rage,
Think of all the cash you'll save
No more merry men to call
To lay the hedge, or clear the fall.*

Tear up the hedge Knock down the wall
Oh! Why do this I hear you call
And what about those tiny beasts?
Why there the ones I think of least.

Ch:-

Dig a hole and dig it deep
Straining post within to keep
Wedge it in with stone and clay
If it moves you'll rue the day

Ch:-

Eight foot is the length between
Each post in the sward of green
Tonk it in both firm and deep
To the rhythm of the beat

Ch:-

Roll out the netting nail it tight
To the big post on the right
Stand it up and take the strain ,
Pull it tight with bar and chain

Ch:-

Top it off with twin barb wire
It keeps in both sheep and shire
The finished job it looks the part
A thing of joy unto my heart

Ch:-

And I make money from the scrap
Selling firewood by the sack
And of the stone think not a jot
A garden centre bought the lot

Ch:-

This was written after Derek Gifford announced that he had songs about "Walling ", " Hedge Laying " and only needed a "Post and Wire Shanty ", to finish off the list.