The Hole In The Ground
by Bernard Cribbins

Key: E

E6	B7+	G#7	C#m7	F#7	D#7

EADGBE   EADGBE   EADGBE   EADGBE   EADGBE
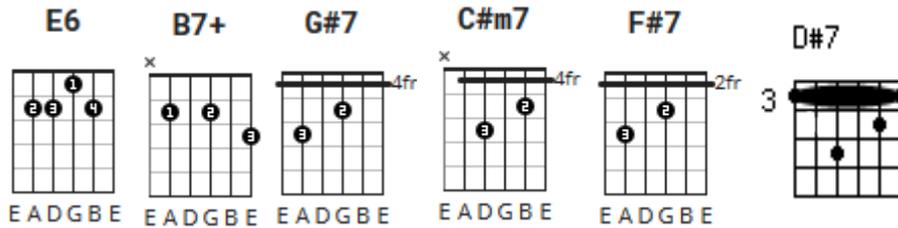
[Intro]
  E   B7+   E   B7+   B7+

[Verse 1]
   E6   B7+   E6   B7+
Well There I was... a - digging this 'ole,
  E   G#7   C#m7
'Ole in the ground, s' big, and sought of round, it was,
    F#m7
And there was I,   digging it deep,
     D#7   G#
It was flat at the bottom, and the sides were steep!

[Verse 2]
     E   F#7
When, along... comes... this bloke in a bowler,
B7   E   B7+
Which he lifted, and scratched his head,   Then,
   E6   B7+
He looked down the 'ole,   poor demented soul, and he said...

[Verse 3]
  E   B7+   E   B7+
"Don't dig there! Dig it else - where!
   E6   B7+   E   E7
You're digging it round, and it ought to be square,
   A
The shape of it's wrong, it's much too long,
     B7+   E   B7+   E   B7+
And you can't put a hole where a hole don't be - long!"

[Verse 4]
    E6   B7+   E6   B7+
Well, there was I... a - stood in m' hole,
  E   G#7   C#m7
Shovelling earth, for all that I was worth,
    B7
And there was 'im,   standing up there,
    D#7   G#
So grand, and official, with his nose in the air!

[Verse 5]
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      E              F#7
So I gave...   'im...    a look, sort of side-ways,
   B7                        E        B7
And I leaned on m' shovel, and sighed,    woh,

   E6                         B7
I lit me a fag, and 'aving took a drag, I replied----------
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[Verse 6]
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  E        B7+    E        B7+
"I just couldn't bare... to dig it else - where,
  E6          G#           C#m
I'm digging it round, 'cause I don't want it square,
          A
And if you disagree, it doesn't bother me,
B7                                E
That's the place where the 'ole's gonna be!"

   E   B7+  B7+   E   B7+     E   B7+  B7+
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[Coda]
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      E6        B7+              E6    B7+
Well, there we were, dis - cussing this 'ole,
  E          G#7    C#m7
'Ole in the ground, s' big, and sought of round, it was,
     B7
It's not there now, the ground's all flat,
     F#m7                         B7       E
And be - neath it is the bloke in the bowl - er hat,
       B7+     E
   And that's that!
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