BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (MAURICE)

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MAURICE: "Do this" the boss says
Then he says "Do that"
Tells me that he'll wear a tie
Then goes and asks for a cravat
One day he'll be good as gold
Next day he'll be bad
Though people tell me I should be glad
Being a butler
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"I'll eat my dinner in the courtyard tonight Maurice", he says. "I've had enough of being in that big gloomy dining room all on my own." "But it's already laid out for you boss" I say. "Then you'd better move it, hadn't you" he says. And me with my bad feet. No consideration some people.

One day eating like a horse
Next day off his food
All day unpredictable
Everything depending on his mood
Bank holiday working overtime
Payday – not a tad
Never knowing where I am drives me mad
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"I'm lonely," he says, "If only I had some company." Doesn't think I might get lonely once in a while, stuck up here, nobody to talk to. Except that idiot Didsbury of course. And where's he when there's work to be done? Sciving off somewhere, as usual.

A low roar from within.

All right sir, just a minute or two, dinner's nearly ready. (*Quietly*) Keep you hair on.

Yes sir, No Sir,
Three bags full
Should I push this for you sir?

No you'd better pull
Things were very different
When he was a lad
Remembering those days
Makes me sad...
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Very very very very worst job
I ever had.