

THE SHINGLE MILL

(Harry Bale)

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There stood a little shingle mill that had ran about one year
Tw'as there that those cruel deeds were done that caused many to weep and
wail
Tw'as there that young man lost his life his name was Harry Vale

It seems his occupation was a sawyer in the mill
He followed his trade successfully, one year six months, until
It came his time, he had to go for to leave this world of care
God knows how soon 'twill be our turn to follow him up there

This is a fragment of a song usually called "Harry Bale" about a tragic mill accident that took place in Michigan in the 1870s. John A. Lomax included a version in his 1911 book "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads".