

Waltzing Matilda

Words & Music:
Traditional Australian

C G Am F
Once, a jolly swagman camped by a billabong
C Em G
Under the shade of a collibah tree.

C G Am F
And he sang as he sat and waited 'til his billy boiled,
C G C
"You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me."

CHORUS:

C F C G G7
Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, you'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me.
C G Am F
And he sang as he sat and waited 'til his billy boiled,
C G C
"You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me."

Down came a jumbuck to drink by the billabong
Up jumped the Swagman, grabbed him with glee.
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tuckerbag,
"You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me!"

CHORUS:

Down came the squatter, mounted on his thoroughbred
Up came the troopers -- one, two, three.
"Whose that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tuckerbag?"
You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me.

CHORUS:

Up jumped the Swagman, sprang into the billabong.
"You'll never catch me alive!" said he.
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong,
"You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me!"

CHORUS:

TRANSLATIONS FROM AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH TO AMERICAN ENGLISH:

Swagman = hobo
Billabong = waterhole
Jumbuck = sheep
Tuckerbag = knapsack
Squatters = rancher