

Waltzing Matilda (1903) lyrics by Andrew Barton (Banjo) Paterson

(1895). Christina Macpherson (1903) played the tune 'Craiglea' for the guests at Dagworth Station. Paterson liked the tune and inquired about the words. Macpherson explained that she did not know of any words. This was enough to inspire Paterson. The lyrics which he wrote were an intermingling of a series of events which occurred while he was staying at Dagworth Station. Play the verses in 4/4—the chorus can either be in 3/4 or 4/4 time

C *E7* *Am* *F*
Once a jolly swagman camped beside a billabong
C *C* *F+2* *G*
Under the shade of coolibah tree
C *E7* *Am* *Dm7*
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled
C *C* *G7* *C*
You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

C *C* *F* *F*
Waltzing matilda, waltzing matilda
C *Am* *Dm7* *G*
You'll come a waltzing matilda with me
C *E7* *Am* *Dm7*
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled
C *C* *G7* *C*
You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

Down came a jumbuck to drink beside the billabong
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee
And he sang as he stuffed that jumbuck in his tucker-bag
You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

Up rode the stockman, mounted on his thoroughbred
Up rode the troopers, one, two, three
"Free that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag"
You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

Up jumped the swagman and sprang into that billabong
"You'll never take me alive!" said he
And his ghost may be heard as you pass beside that billabong
You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me.