

# Waltzing Matilda

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### Spoken

( Waltzing Matilda is a song about an Australian Hobo  
I guess you'd call him. He wanders through the bush  
land of Australia and he takes all his meagre belongings  
wrapped up in an old blanket which is strung across his  
shoulders with an old piece of twine and this is called his swag.  
Hence the name swagman. Now affectionately or otherwise  
he refers to his swag as Matilda, its like his only companion  
as he wanders through the bush tracks he finds himself talking  
to it as if its a real person. So the term Waltzing Matilda is nothing  
to do with dancing at all, it means in fact carrying this thing on your  
back through the long lonely stretches of the Australian bush.  
Couple of other terms quickly, pay attention because I will be  
asking questions afterwards about this, couple of other terms.  
A billabong is a pool of deep water, a billy is a little tin can they  
boil the tea in, a jumbuck is a sheep, err tucker bag is a bag for  
carrying tucker, food bag tucker is food sort of like a knapsack.  
What else the squatter is the big land owner, that's enough lets  
get on with the song.)

Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong  
Under the shade of a Coolibah tree  
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled  
You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me  
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

Then down came a jumbuck to drink at that billabong  
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee  
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me  
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

Then down came the squatter mounted on his thoroughbred  
Down came the troopers one two three  
Right-o where's that jolly jumbuck that you've got in your tucker bag?  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me  
Right-o where's that jolly jumbuck that you've got in your tucker bag?  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

So up jumped the swagman and he sprang into that billabong  
You'll never take me alive said he  
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong  
You'll come a-waltz ....

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

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