## Sing Australia

## **John Denver**

I come to Australia as many people do
To see the old koala, hitch a ride on a kangaroo
To hear somebody call me mate and call somebody blue
To hear the Aborigine play a didgeridooSome of you came as prisoners two centuries ago
Some of you come as kings and queens your blessing to bestow
Some of you stand all swelled with pride, some with shattered wings
But all of us come with open hearts to hear Australia singIn the desert, in the city, in the mountains and in the

In the stories and in the people, I can hear Australia singWaltzing Matilda, the men of Galipoli
Clancy of the Overflow, Crocodile Dundee
The myth of all creation, the teaching of baiame
The legends of a dream time for all eternityAnd in this celebration of a brief two hundred years
The cost to build a nation in blood and sweat and tears
And if we stand divided, divided we will fall
But if we stand together we shall conquer allIn the desert, in the city, in the mountains and in the sea
In the stories and in the people, I can hear Australia sing
Sing Australia, sing Australia, sing Australia

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In the sails on Sydney harbor, I can hear Australia sing