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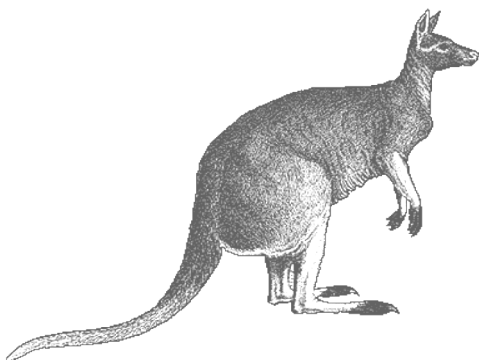
Once a jolly **swagman** camped near a **billabong**  
Under the shade of a **coolibah** tree,  
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled,  
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me."

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."

Down came a **jumbuck** to drink at the billabong,  
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee;  
And he sang as he stowed that jumbuck in his **tuckerbag**;  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me.

Down came the **squatter** riding on his **thoroughbred**;  
Down came the **troopers** one, two, three.  
Where's the jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag?  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me.

Up jumped the swagman and plunged into the billabong,  
"You'll never catch me alive," cried he.  
And his ghost may be heard as you ride past the billabong,  
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me."



### some Australian words:

billabong—a stream  
swagman—an out-law, who steals farm animals  
jumbuck—a sheep  
squatter—a farmer  
troopers—policemen  
tuckerbag—backpack

