

**Waltzing Matilda** lyrics by Andrew Barton (Banjo) Paterson. Christina Macpherson 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 by 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

Chorus:    C                    C                    F  
 Waltzing matilda, waltzing matilda  
 C                    F                    C                    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

C                    E7                    Am                    F  
 Down came a jumbuck to drink beside the billabong  
 C                    C                    F+2                    G  
 Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee  
 C                    E7                    Am                    Dm7  
 And he sang as he stuffed that jumbuck in his tucker-bag  
 C                    C                    G7                    C  
 You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

[Chorus]

C                    E7                    Am                    F  
 Up rode the stockman, mounted on his thoroughbred  
 C                    C                    F+2                    G  
 Up rode the troopers, one, two, three  
 C                    E7                    Am                    Dm7  
 "Free that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag"  
 C                    C                    G7                    C  
 You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me

[Chorus]

C                    E7                    Am                    F  
 Up jumped the swagman and sprang into that billabong  
 C                    C                    F+2                    G  
 "You'll never take me alive!" said he  
 C                    E7                    Am                    Dm7  
 And his ghost may be heard as you pass beside that billabong  
 C                    C                    G7                    C  
 You'll come a-waltzing matilda with me.                    Chorus