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WALTZING MATILDA

Saltbush Bill, J.P., and Other Verses, 1917

Oh there once was a swagman camped in the billabongs
 Under the shade of a Coolibah tree
And he sang as he looked at the old billy boiling
 Who'll come a waltzing Matilda with me
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda my darling
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
 Waltzing Matilda and leading a waterbag
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
Up came the jumbuck to drink at the waterhole
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him in glee
And he sang as he put him away in the tuckerbag
 You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda my darling
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
 Waltzing Matilda and leading a waterbag
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
Up came the squatter a-riding his thoroughbred
 Up came policemen one two three
Whose is the jumbuck you've got in the tuckerbag?
 You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda my darling
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
 Waltzing Matilda and leading a waterbag
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me
Up sprang the swagman and jumped in the waterhole
 Drowning himself by the Coolibah
And his voice can be heard as it sings in the billabongs
 Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me