

## **Waltzing Matilda; by A. B. (Banjo) Paterson.**

Once a jolly swagman camped by a Billabong,  
Under the shade of a Coolabah tree;  
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled,  
'Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?'

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

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the water-hole,  
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee,  
And he sang as he stuffed that jumbuck in his tucker-bag,  
'You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!'

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

Down came the Squatter riding on his thoroughbred,  
Down came the troopers — one, two, three.  
'Whose is that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag?'  
'You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!'

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,  
'Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?'  
'Whose is that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag?'  
'You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!'

Up jumped the swagman and leapt into the Billabong,  
'You'll never catch me alive!' said he.  
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that Billabong,  
'Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?'

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,  
'Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?'

And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that Billabong,  
'Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?'

[1950's Victorian Primary School version].