

# Waltzing Matilda

Australian bush ballad. Unofficial national anthem of Australia. Written by poet Banjo Paterson, 1887  
Sung by Slim Dusty on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwvazMc5EFE>

4/4 time Key of: F

F C7 F Bb  
Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong  
F C7  
Under the shade of a coolabah tree  
F C7 F  
He sang as he watched and waited  
Bb  
till his billy boiled.  
F C7 F  
You'll come a-waltzing Ma-til-da with me?

You just have to listen to Tom Waits sing Waltzing Matilda. You'll find him on YouTube.



## (Chorus)

F Bb  
Waltzing Matilda, waltzing Matilda  
F C7  
You'll come a-waltzing Ma-til-da with me?  
F C7 F  
He sang as he watched and waited  
Bb  
till his billy boiled.  
F C7 F  
You'll come a-waltzing Ma-til-da with me?



**Sing the chorus like Slim Dusty.**  
Sing the first two lines of the chorus on the left... and then last two lines of the verse you just sang.

[F] Down came a [C7] jumbuck to [F] drink at the [Bb] billabong  
[F] Up jumped the swagman and [C7] grabbed him with glee  
He [F] sang as he [C7] shoved that [F] jumbuck in his [Bb] tuckerbag  
[F] You'll come a-waltzing Ma [C7] til-da with [F] me.

## (Chorus)

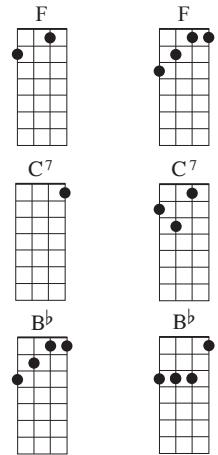
[F] Up rode the [C7] squatter, [F] mounted on his [Bb] thoroughbred  
[F] Up rode the troopers [C7] One, Two, Three  
"Where's that [F] jolly [C7] jumbuck that you've [F] got in your [Bb]tuckerbag?"  
[F] You'll come a-waltzing Ma [C7] til-da with [F] me.

## (Chorus)

[F] Up jumped the [C7] swagman and [F] sprang into that [Bb] billabong  
[F] "You'll never take me [C7] alive" said he  
And his [F] ghost may be [C7] heard as you [F] pass by that [Bb] billabong  
[F] You'll come a-waltzing Ma [C7] til-da with [F] me.

## (Chorus)

Soprano Baritone



Swagman – a kind of tramp that would travel around seeking work, carrying their possessions in a swag.

Swag – A combination, bag, blanket and bedroll used by the above

Billabong – a section of river that has been cut off by dry conditions

Coolibah Tree – A giant eucalyptus tree found near inland water

Billy – an open tin pot used for making tea

Jumbuck – A sheep

Tuckerbag – part of the swag used to carry food ("Tucker")

Squatter – Farmer or land owner

Troopers – Mounted Police



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