

Waltzing Matilda (Original tune and lyrics) - A. B. "Banjo" Paterson

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C / Am / Dm / G7 / C / Am / Dm / G /
C / Em / F / G7 / C / Am / G7 / C /

Oh! there once was a swagman camped in a Billabong
Under the shade of a Coolabah tree
And he sang **as he looked at his 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 water-bag
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 stowed him away in his tucker-bag**
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

repeat chorus

Down came the Squatter a-riding his thoroughbred
Down came Policemen -- one, two and three
Whose is the jumbuck you've got in the tucker-bag
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

repeat chorus

But the swagman he up and he jumped in the water-hole
Drowning himself by the Coolabah tree
And his ghost may be heard **as it sings in the Billabong**
Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me

Waltzing Matilda was written by Banjo Paterson in 1895 at Dagworth Station, near Winton in Central Queensland and first published as sheet music in 1903.

The song (originally very Scottish/Irish in flavour, as above) was later put to a military marching beat and tune to assist in recruiting young Australians to fight in the 1st World War. It is that later military version which has become popularly known around the world.