

I AM AUSTRALIAN

I am Australian (or We are Australian) is a popular Australian poem written and in 1987 by Bruce Woodley of The Seekers and Dobe Newton of The Bushwackers. The music was composed by Bruce Woodley.

I came from the dream-time
from the dus-ty red soil plains
I am the anc-ient hear-t
the kee-per of the flame
I stood u-pon the rock-y shore
I watched the tall ships come
for for-ty thous-and years
I'd been - the first Aust-ral-i-an.

I came u-pon the pris-on ship
bowed down by iro-n chains
I cleared the land, endur-ed the lash
and wait-ed for the rains
I'm a sett-ler, I'm a farm-er's wife
on a dry and bar-ren run
a con-vict then a free-man
I be-came Aust-ral-i-an.

I'm the daugh-ter of a digg-er
who sought the moth-er lode
the girl be-came a wo-man
on the long and dust-y road
I'm a child of the de-press-ion
I saw the good times come
I'm a bush-ie, I'm a bat-tler
I am Aust-ral-i-an.

[Chorus]

We are one, but we are ma-ny,
and from all the lands on earth we come
we share a dream and sing with one voice
I am - you are - we are Aust-ral-i-an.

I'm a tell-er of stor-ies
I'm a sing-er of songs
I am Al-bert Nam-at-jira
I paint the ghost-ly gums
I am Clan-cy on his hor-se

I'm Ned Kell-y on the run
I'm the one who walt-zed Ma-til-da
I am Aust-ral-i-an.

I'm the hot wind from the des-ert
I'm the black soil of the plains
I'm the moun-tains and the vall-eyes
I'm the drought and flood-ing rains
I am the rock, I am the sky
the riv-ers when they run
the spir-it of this grea-t land
I am Aust-ral-i-an.

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