

WALTZING MATILDA

Australia's most widely known bush ballad, original lyrics were written in 1895 by poet and nationalist Banjo Paterson

[Verse 1] **Once a jolly swag-man camped by a billa-bong,
under the shade of a cool-i-bah tree, [Pause]
And he sang as he watched and wait-ed til his bil-ly boiled,
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Chorus – All] **Waltz-ing Ma-til-da, Waltz-ing Ma-til-da,
you'll come a waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me, [Pause]
And he sang as he watched and wait-ed till his bil-ly boiled,
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Verse 2] **Down came a jumbuck to drink at that billa-bong:
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee. [Pause]
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker-bag,
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Chorus – All] **Waltz-ing Ma-til-da, Waltz-ing Ma-til-da,
you'll come a waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me, [Pause]
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker-bag,
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Verse 3] **Up rode the squatter mount-ed on his thorough-bred;
Down came the troopers, one, two. three: [Pause]
'Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag?
You'll come a-waltzing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Chorus – All] **Waltz-ing Ma-til-da, Waltz-ing Ma-til-da,
you'll come a waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me, [Pause]
'Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag?
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Verse 4] **Up jumped the swagman, sprang into the billa-bong,
'You'll never take me alive' said he; [Pause]**

[Softly and Slowly...]
**And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billa-bong,
'You'll come a-waltzing Ma-til-da with me.'**

[Chorus – All] **Waltz-ing Ma-til-da, Waltz-ing Ma-til-da,
you'll come a waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me, [Pause]
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billa-bong,
'You'll come a-waltz-ing Ma-til-da with me.'**