Waltzing Matilda (Key of F)
by Banjo Paterson (1895)

Glossary:
Matilda: itinerant farm worker
swagman: itinerant farm worker
billabong: small lake or pond
coolibah tree: species of eucalyptus
billy: a can for boiling water
jumbuck: feral sheep
squatter: wealthy, but illegal, landowner
troopers: mounted police

Verse 1:
Once a jolly swagman sat beside the bill- a-bong,
Under the shade of a cool- a-bah tree,
and he sang as he sat and wait- ed while his billy boiled
You’ll come a-Waltz- ing Ma- til- da with me

Chorus:
Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda
You’ll come a-waltzing Ma- til- da with me
and he sang as he sat and wait- ed while his billy boiled
You’ll come a-Waltz- ing Ma- til- da with me

Verse 2:
Down came a jum-buck to drink beside the bill- a-bong
Up jumped the swagman and seized him with glee
And he sang as he tucked the jum- buck in his tuck- er- bag
You’ll come a-Waltz- ing Ma- til- da with me

Chorus

Verse 3:
Up rode a squat- ter, riding on his thor- ough- bred.
Down came the troop- ers, one, two, three.
“Where’s the jolly jum- buck you’ve got in your tucker- bag?
You’ll come a-Waltz- ing Ma- til- da with me

Chorus

Verse 4:
Up jumped the swagman and plunged into the bill- a-bong.
“You’ll never catch me a- live!” says he
and his ghost may be heard as you ride beside the bil- la-bong
You’ll come a-Waltz- ing Ma- til- da with me

Chorus

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