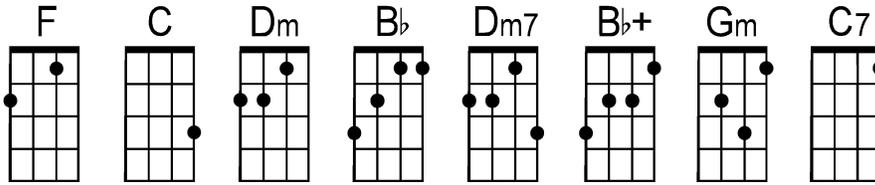


# Waltzing Matilda (Key of F)

by Banjo Paterson(1895)



**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

F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 G7sus C  
 F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

**Glossary:**

Matilda:  
 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

**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

F Bb  
 F Bb F C7  
 F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Note: last two lines in chorus change to the last two lines in the previous verse

**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.

F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 G7sus C  
 F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

**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.

F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 G7sus C  
 F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

**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.

F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 G7sus C  
 F C Dm Bb  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

**Chorus**