Verse 1: Once a jolly swagman sat beside the billabong,
Under the shade of a coolibah tree,
and he sang as he sat and waited while his billy boiled.
You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.

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

Chorus: Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda
You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.

Verse 2: Down came a jumbuck to drink beside the billabong
Up jumped the swagman and seized him with glee
And he sang as he tucked the jumbuck in his tucker-bag.
You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.

Verse 3: Up rode a squatter, riding on his thoroughbred.
Down came the troopers, one, two, three.
"Where's the jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag?
You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.

Verse 4: Up jumped the swagman and plunged into the billabong.
"You'll never catch me alive!" says he
and his ghost may be heard as you ride beside the billabong.
You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.