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


Oh, there once was swag-man camped be-side the bill-a-bong

Un—der the shade of a cool-i-bah tree

And he sang as he looked at the old billy boil-ing

Who'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me——

C . . . . | F . Em\ F |

*Chorus 1:* Waltz—ing Ma—til—da, Waltz—ing Ma—til—da

C . Em . | F . G
Who'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me

And he sang as he sat and waited while his billy boiled

Who'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me——

Down came a jum-buck to drink at the bill—a-bong

Up jumped the swag—man and grabbed him with glee

And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag

You'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me——

C . . . . | F . Em\ F |

*Chorus 2:* Waltz—ing Ma—til—da, Waltz—ing Ma—til—da

C . Em . | F . G
You'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me

And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag

You'll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me——
Down came the squat-ter, a—ri—ding his thorough-bred
Down came the Troop—ers, one, two, three—

"Whose is the jum—buck you’ve got in the tucker-bag?"

You’ll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me—

Chorus 3:  Waltz—ing Ma—til—da, Waltz—ing Ma—til—da
You’ll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me

But the swag-man, he up and jumped in—to the water-hole
"You’ll never catch me a—live!" said he
And his ghost may be heard as it sings by the bill—a—bong

Chorus 4:  Waltz—ing Ma—til—da, Waltz—ing Ma—til—da
Who’ll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me

And his ghost may be heard as you ride be-side the bill—a—bong

Who’ll come a-Waltz—ing Ma—til—da with me—

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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