

# Four Little Johnny Cakes

as popularised by the musical *Reedy River* (1954) with tune credited to Louis Lavater possibly an adapted traditional tune. *Reedy River*, written by Dick Diamond, featured bush songs. It played in Melbourne and Sydney for record seasons in the early 1950s.

**Verse**

**C**

Hur - - rah for the Lach - lan, boys, and join me in a cheer,

**G7** **C**

For that's the place to go to make a good cheque ev'r - - y year,

**F** **C** **F** **C**

With a toad - skin in my pock - et I bor - rowed from a friend,

**G7**

Oh, is - n't it nice and cos - - y to be camp - ing in the bend?

**Chorus**

**C**

With my lit - - tle round flo - ur bag a - - sit - ting on a stump,

**G7** **C**

My lit - - tle tea - - and - sug - - ar bag look - ing nice and plump,

**F** **C** **F** **C**

And a nice fat cod - fish just off the hook,

**G7** **C**

And four lit - - tle john - ny - cakes, a cred - it to the cook.

I've a loaf or two of bread and some "murphies" that I shook,  
Perhaps a loaf of brownie that I snaffled from a cook,  
A nice leg of mutton ... just a bit cut off the end,  
Oh, isn't it nice and jolly to be whaling in the bend?

I have a little book and some papers for to read,  
Plenty of matches and a good supply of weed,  
I wouldn't be a squatter as beside my fire I sit,  
With a paper in my hand and my old clay lit.

When shearing-time comes, I'm in all my glory then,  
I saddle up my moke and I soon secure a pen,  
I canter through the valley and gallop o'er the plain,  
I shoot a turkey, stick a pig, and off to camp again.

Last chorus:  
With my little round flour-bag sitting on a stump,  
My little tea-and-sugar bag looking nice and plump,  
A little fat cod-fish just off the hook,  
And four little johnny-cakes - I'm proud to be the cook!