

# Songs

## Steam's Up

From George Loyau's Sydney Songster (~1865) composed for and sung by JS Brice set to Stephen Foster's 'Ring de Banjo' with the 'niggerese' text used in the music halls. Here the affectation is stripped away by David Johnson to reveal the song underneath.

### Verse

Capo 2

Musical notation for the Verse of 'Steam's Up'. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 2/4. The music is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Oh, list - en to me one and all, I've come to sing this song, The sub - ject is - n't ver - y short, and is - n't ver - y long; It's of a rath - er cur - ious thing, and cur - ious it may seem, That all the world is go - ing round by means of gas and steam.

Chords: G A, Em F#m, D7 E7, G A, G A, Em F#m, D7 E7, G A, G A, D7 E7, G A.

### Chorus

Musical notation for the Chorus of 'Steam's Up'. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 2/4. The music is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Steam's up, fel - las! \_\_\_\_\_ steam's up, I say? Coach - es won't be an - y use, when steam trains come this way.

Chords: G A, Em F#m, D7 E7, G A, G A, D7 E7, G A.

No longer will you need a dray to take a heavy load,  
For you will find an empty train at every muddy road;  
From Queensland to Victoria, however strange it seems,  
We shall be able to depart in things that go by steam.

The lawyers will all close their shops, for want of certain fees,  
The parsons at no college then will need to take degrees;  
The doctors who have always got from patients quite the cream,  
Will cut off legs and broken arms in future all by steam.

The bush will be a bush no more where kangaroos abound,  
But in its place a terminus or railway will be found;  
And when you want your breakfast, you can all have cream,  
In future they will milk the cows by things that work by steam.