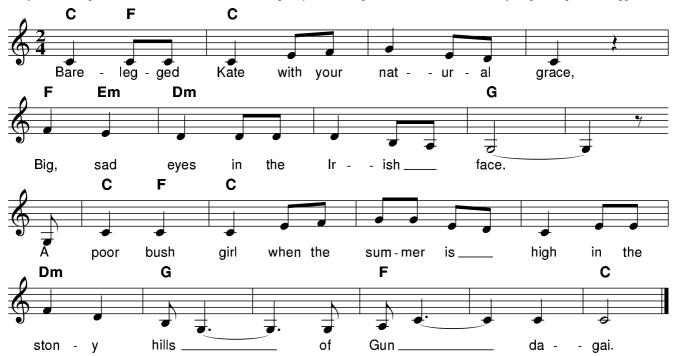
## **Bare Legged Kate**

Written by John Dengate about his mother who was brought up in Gundagai. It is based on the County Sligo song 'Bare Legged Joe'



Bare-legged Kate, why do you weep When the men ride by with the travelling sheep? Does the sight of the drover make you sad? Do you think of the father you never had?

Bare- legged Kate, why do you run?
Down by the creek in the setting sun
Down where the eyes of the world cannot see
Run Kate, run, from poverty.

Bare-legged Kate, there is gold in the hills But you know that the cyanide process kills. Poisons the miners and cuts them down In the mean little homes below the town.

Bare–legged Kate, when the floods come down. It's the poor on the creeks are the ones who drown When the great Murrumbidgee is thundering by Through the haunted hills of Gundagai.