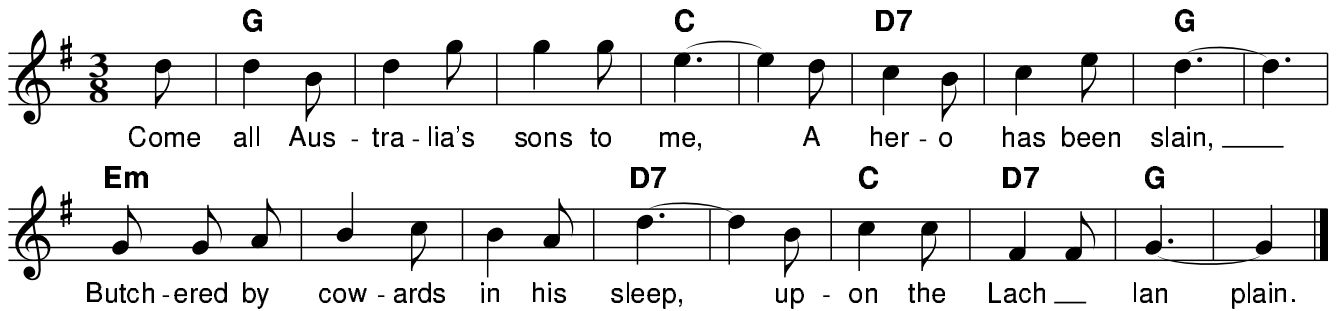


Bold Ben Hall

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This tune from Sally Sloane collected by John Meredith.



Come all Aus - tra - lia's sons to me, A her - o has been slain, ___
Butch - ered by cow - ards in his sleep, up - on the Lach ___ lan plain.

Ah, do not stay your seemly grief,
But let the teardrops fall,
Australian hearts will always mourn
The fate of bold Ben Hall.

He never robbed a needy man,
The records sure will show
How staunch and loyal to his mates,
How manly to the foe.

No brand of Cain e'er stamped his brow,
No widow's curse can fall;
Only the robber rich men feared
The coming of Ben Hall.

For ever since the good old days
Of Turpin and Duval,
The people's friends were outlaws,
And so was bold Ben Hall.

Yet savagely they murdered him,
Those coward bluecoat imps,
Who only found his hiding place
From sneaking peelers' pimps.

Yes, savagely they murdered him,
Oh, let your teardrops fall,
For all Australia mourns today
Her bravest son, Ben Hall.

No more he'll mount his gallant steed
To roam the ranges high;
Poor widow's friend in poverty,
Our bold Ben Hall, goodbye.