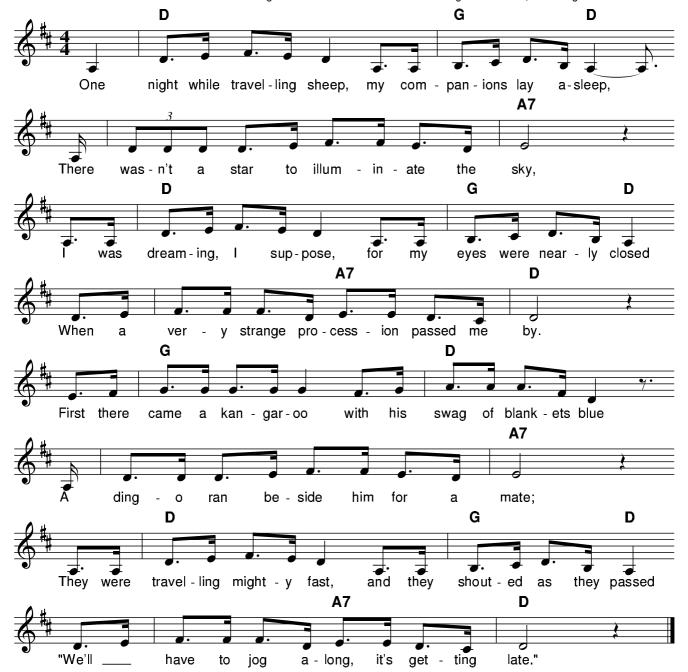
The Drover's Dream

A very widely known and collected bush song. Given here as learnt at the Bush Music Club. Collector Ron Edwards recorded a longer version that included a wider range of animals, including foxes and rabbits.



The pelican and the crane, they came in from off the plain To amuse the company with a Highland Fling The dear old bandicoot played a tune upon his flute And the native bears sat round them in a ring. The drongo and the crow sang a song of long ago While the frill–necked lizard listened with a smile; And the emu standing near with his claw up to his ear Told the Funniest yarn I've heard for quite a while.

Three frogs from out the swamp where the atmosphere is damp Came bounding in and sat upon the stones;
They each unrolled their swags and produced from little bags
The violin, the banjo and the bones
The goanna and the snake and the adder wide awake
With the alligator danced "The Soldier's Joy."
Beneath the spreading silky oak the jackass cracked a joke
And the magpie sang, "The Wild Colonial Boy,"

Some brolgas darted out from the tea-tree all about And performed a set of Lancers very well. Then the parrot green and blue gave the orchestra its cue To strike up "The Old Log Cabin in the Dell." I was dreaming, I suppose, of these entertaining shows But it never crossed my mind I was asleep; Till the Boss beneath the cart woke me up with such a start Yelling, "Dreamy, where the hell are all the sheep?"