

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

Hur - rah for the Lach - lan, boys, and join me in a cheer,
For that's the place to go to make a good cheque ev'r - y year,
With a toad - skin in my pock - et I bor - rowed from a friend,
Oh, is - n't it nice and cos - y to be camp - ing in the bend?

Chorus

With my lit - tle round flo - ur bag a - sit - ting on a stump,
My lit - tle tea - and - sug - ar bag look - ing nice and plump,
And a nice fat cod - fish — just off the hook,
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!