

Old Black Alice

From the Queensland Centenary Songster a composite from Bill Scott and Kath Walker (Oodgeroo Noonuccal), set to 'Brighton Camp'.

Now, Old Black A - lice are my name, and Well - shot are my sta - tion;
It's no dis - grace, this old black face, it's the col - our of my na - tion.
Bin - di - eye and mind your eye, and don't kick up a shin _____ dy;
I've got a boy in Cam - oo - weal, and one in Goon - di - win - di.

I can polka, I can waltz, I can dance the figures;
White man find 'em too much work, teach 'em to the niggers!
Dance me up and dance me down, I don't mind your colour,
I've got a boy in Kingaroy and one in Cunnamulla.

God He made the lubra girl that all the white girls run down;
He made the whites by light of day, the black ones after sundown.
Dance the black girl round and round, don't you dare despise her!
I've got a man at Cuddapan, and another one at Mount Isa.

White man wash in old tin tub, black man wash much cleaner;
Black man wash in Condamine and in the Di'mantina.
Listen to the beat and mind your feet; don't exhaust my patience!
I'm off next week to Combo Creek to meet my fine relations.