

River Bend

Words from AB Paterson Old Bush Songs; Music is a popular maudlin song 'Sweet Belle Mahone' by J H McNaughton (1918).
Adapted here to distance this song's message from the original song's.

Verse

Musical notation for the Verse of 'River Bend'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D7, G, G, Am, D7, G, D7, G, Am, D7, G, Am, D7, G.

At Riv - er Bend, in New South Wales, All a - lone a - mong the whales,
Bust - ing up some post and rails, All ____ on my own.
In the blaz - ing sun we stand, Cab - bage-tree, black vel - vet band,
Mole - skins stiff with sweat and sand, All ____ on my own.

Chorus

Musical notation for the Chorus of 'River Bend'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D7, G, D7, G, C, D7, G, Am, D7, G.

All ____ on my own. ____ All ____ on my own. ____
(then echo last line of the verse)

In the burning sand we pine;
No one asks us to have a wine,
'Tis a jolly crooked line,
All on my own.

Land of snakes and cockatoos,
Native bears and big emus,
Ugly blacks and kangaroos,
All on my own.

When I am sitting on a log,
Looking like a great big frog,
Waiting for a Murray cod,
All on my own.

Paddymelons by the score,
Wild bulls, you should hear them roar!
They all belong to Johnny Dore,
All on my own.