

A Song and A Sigh

Words are from the pen of Henry Lawson (March 1889) and the setting from Rita Baker as played by Dave de Hugard. de Hugard (born 1945), musician and folklorist, is arguably the country's foremost interpreter of the old bush songs

The creek went down with a brok - en song, Be - neath the she-oaks high ____

The wat - er car - ried the song a - long, And the oaks the sigh. ____

The song and the sigh went wind - ing by, wind - ing down; ____

Circl - ing the foot of the mount - ain high And the hill - side brown. ____

They were hushed in the swamp of the Dead Man's Crime—
Where the curlews cried—
But they reached the river the selfsame time,
And there they died.
And the creek of life goes winding on,
Wandering by;
And bears for ever, its course upon,
A song and a sigh.