

The Stockman's Last Bed

Dates from before being published in Annabella Boswell's Journal 1845. Set here as usual to 'The Last Whistle'.

(Verse)

capo 3

The musical score is written in G major with a capo on the 3rd fret, resulting in a key signature of one flat (F major). The time signature is 3/4. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the guitar line.

System 1: Chords: G/Bb, C/Eb, G/Bb. Lyrics: Be ye stock - men or no, to my stor - y give ear.

System 2: Chords: D/F, Em/Gm, Am/Cm, D7/F7. Lyrics: Poor Jack's gone a - - loft; no more shall we hear

System 3: Chords: G/Bb, C/Eb, G/Bb. Lyrics: The crack of his whip or his steed's live - ly trot,

System 4: Chords: D/F, G/Bb, D7/F7, G/Bb. Lyrics: His clear 'Go a - - head!' or his jing - ling quart - pot.

System 5: Chords: G/Bb, C/Eb, G/Bb. Lyrics: Chorus For we laid him where watt - les their sweet fra - grance shed,

System 6: Chords: D/F, G/Bb, D7/F7, G/Bb. Lyrics: And tall gum trees shad - ow the stock - man's last bed.

While drafting one day he was horned by a cow.
 'Alas!' cried poor Jack, 'it's all up with me now!
 I ne'er shall be seen in the saddle again,
 Or bound like a wallaby over the plain.'

His whip it is silent, his dogs they do moan;
 His horse looks in vain for its master's return.
 No friends to deplore him, unheeded he dies;
 Save the wandering myall none cares where he lies.

Now stockmen, if ever on some sunny day,
 While tailing a mob, you should happen that way,
 Tread lightly by the mound in the tall gum trees' shade,
 For it may be the spot where our comrade is laid.