

# Stringybark and Greenhide

From George Chanson (Loyau) Sydney Songster c 1865 with a collected tune from Ron Edwards. Ron Edwards () was a publishing and artistic phenomemon, an outstanding figure in Australian cultural history, with many folk music publications.

## Verse

The musical notation for the verse is written on four staves in 6/8 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "I sing of a com - mod - it - y, it's one that will not fail yer, I mean the com - mon odd - it - y, the main - stay of Aust - ral - ia; Gold it is a pre - cious thing, for com - merce it in - creas - es, But string - y - bark and green - hide can beat it all to piec - es." The chords are indicated by letters C, F, G7 above the notes.

## Chorus

The musical notation for the chorus is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "String - y - bark and green - hide, that will nev - er fail yer! String - y - bark and green - hide, are the main - stay of Aust - ral - ia." The chords are indicated by letters F, G7, C above the notes.

If you travel on the road, and chance to stick in Bargo,  
To avoid a bad capsiz, you must unload your cargo  
For to pull your dray about, you'll need some extra force on,  
Take a bit of greenhide, and hook another horse on.

If you chance to take a dray, and break your leader's traces,  
Get a bit of greenhide, to mend your broken places;  
Greenhide is a useful thing, all that you require,  
But stringybark's another thing, when you want a fire.

If you want to build a hut, to keep out wind and weather,  
Stringybark will make it snug, and keep it well together;  
Greenhide if it's used by you, will make it all the stronger,  
For if you tie with greenhide, it's sure to last the longer.

New chums to this golden land never dream of failure,  
Whilst you've got such useful things as these in fair Australia;  
For stringybark and greenhide will never, never fail yer,  
Stringybark and greenhide are the mainstay of Australia.