

# The Sulky Stockman

A nonsense poem by CJ Dennis set to music by Graham Jenkin. CJ Dennis was banjo-playing contemporary of Paterson. His output and popularity exceeded that of Lawson and Paterson at the time but history has judged otherwise. This adaptation by David Johnson.

1. Come, let us sing with a right good ring  
 2. The colts were clipped and the sheep were shorn,  
 3. The cook came out as the clock struck one  
 4. They spread their swags in the gum - tree's shade  
 5. The sun sank down and the stars shone out

SING HEY FOR A JOL - LY BUSH SONG, SING HEY!

Of an - y old, fun - ny old sil - ly old thing.  
 But the stock man stood there all for - - lorn.  
 And the bound - ar - y ri - - der got his gun.  
 For the work was done and the cheques were paid.  
 And the old book - - keep - - er moped a - - bout.

SING HO FOR A BAL - LAD OF A BACK - BLOCK DAY!

The sun shone bright - - ly o - - ver - - head,  
 The rails were up and the gate was tied,  
 He fired it once and at an old black crow;  
 The o - - ver - - seer rode in at three,  
 The ding - - o wailed to the mo - - poke's call,

And the shear - ers stood by the shear - ing shed;  
 And the big black bull was safe in - - side;  
 But the shot went wide, for he aimed too low;  
 But his horse pulled back and it would not gee,  
 The craz - - y colt stamped in his stall;

But 'The run wants rain,' the stock - man said  
 But 'The wind's gone West!' the stock - man sighed.  
 And the stock - man said, 'Fat stock is low.'  
 And the stock - man said, 'We're up a tree!'  
 But the stock - man groaned, 'It's bunk for all.'

SING DI - DUM, WATT - LE - GUM, JOHN - NY - CAKE FOR TEA

FOR A JOL - LY BUSH SONG SING HEY! SONG SING HEY!