

The Wallaby Brigade

from 'The Queenslander' (1894) with a tune based on GF Root's Tramp Tramp Tramp! (1864)

Verse

The musical notation for the verse consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: You of - ten have been told of reg-i-ments brave and bold, But we are the brav - est in the land; We're called the Rag-Tag Band, and we ral - ly in Queens - land, We are mem - bers of the Wal - la - by Brig - - - -

Chorus

The musical notation for the chorus consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: Tramp, tramp, tramp a - cross the bord - - - - ers, The swag - - - men are roll - ing up, I see. When the shear - ing's at an end we'll go fish - ing in a bend. Then hur - rah! for the Wal - la - by Brig - - - - ade.

When you are leaving camp, you must ask some brother tramp
If there are any jobs to be had,
Or what sort of a shop that station is to stop
For a member of the Wallaby Brigade.

You ask 'em if they want men, you ask for rations then,
If they don't stump up a warning should be made;
To teach them better sense—why, "Set fire to their fence"
Is the war cry of the Wallaby Brigade.

The squatters thought us done when they fenced in all their run,
But a prettier mistake they never made;
You've only to sport your dover and knock a monkey over.
There's cheap mutton for the Wallaby Brigade.

Now when the shearing's in our harvest will begin,
Our swags for a spell down will be laid;
But when our cheques are drank we will join the Tag-rag rank,
Limeburners in the Wallaby Brigade.