

Wallaby Stew I

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Verse

The musical notation for the verse consists of four staves of music in 6/8 time. The notes are quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staves: C, G7, C, F, G7, C.

Poor Dad, he got five years or more, as ev - 'ry - bod - y knows,
And now he lives in Mait - land Jail, broad ar - rows on his clothes;
He brand - ed old Brown's clean - skins and nev - er left a tail,
So I'll re - late the fam - ily's fate since Dad got put in jail.

Chorus

The musical notation for the chorus consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time. The notes are quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staves: C, G7, G7, C.

So stir the wal - lab - y stew, make soup of the kan - gar - oo tail!
I tell you things is prett - y crook since Dad got put in jail.

Our sheep all died a month ago, not rot but bloomin' fluke,
The cow was boozed last Christmas Day by my big brother Luke,
I sold the buggy on my own, the place is up for sale;
That won't be all that has been junked when Dad gets out of jail!

Our Bess got shook upon some bloke who's gone we don't know where:
He used to act around the sheds, but he ain't acted square;
And Mother's got a shearer cove forever at her tail -
The family will have grown a bit when Dad gets out of jail.

They let Dad out before his time to give us a surprise,
He came and looked around the place and gently "blessed his eyes",
He shook hands with the shearer cove, and said that things seemed stale,
Then left him there to shepherd us, and caught the North-West Mail.