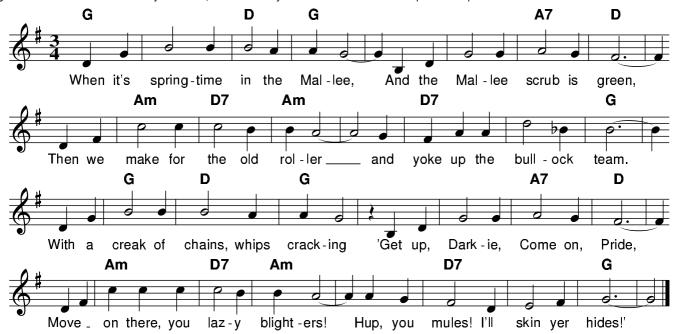
## When It's Springtime in the Mallee

from Australian Folksongs of the Land and People, published in 1974 by the Folk Lore Council of Australia. The tune is clearly 'Springtime in the Rockies' written by R Sauer, M H Woolsey in 1929 and it is an example of the pervasive cultural influence of the USA



Well, we roll the flamin' scrub down, And the air is thick with flies; Then, as yer go round snaggin', Flamin' dust fair blinds yer eyes! Yer throat is parched and achin', And the sun gets hot as hell, But yer plod along till smoke—o, While yer bullocks have a spell.

When it's springtime in the Mallee, And yer pickin' stumps all day, Yer could dance to the sound of them knockin' In the bottom of the dray! When yer get a load, yer stack 'em And yer light 'em as yer go Then yer go around and stoke 'em Till they burn up into coal.

When the fire's done and the paddocks clear Yer got to plough the earth With yer bullock team and mouldboard They're pulling for all their worth. Then yer gets the corn and chucks 'em and then yer rakes 'em in And yer know that if the rain don't come Yer'll have to start again.