

# When Stock Go By

## The Song of a Drover's Wife

Words by Harry 'The Breaker' Morant. Music by Graham Jenkin. Morant was a contemporary of Lawson and Paterson and contributed verse the the 'bushman's bible' as 'The Bulletin' was known. It was very much for the worker and far from today's conservative version.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ah me! how clear - - ly they come back,' with chords C, G7, and C above it. The second line contains 'Those gold - - en days of long a - - go' with chords C and G7. The third line contains 'When down the drought - y Bo - - gan track' with chords C, G7, and C. The fourth line contains 'Tom came with stock from I - - van - - hoe.' with chords G7, C, G7, and C. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests.

Tom rode a bonny dark bay nag;  
He wore a battered cabbage-tree;  
And as I filled our water-bag  
He came and asked a drink from me.

Tom said that drink was just like wine;  
He said my eyes were soft and brown;  
He said there were no eyes like mine  
From Dandaloo to Sydney town.

I watched him with a trembling lip,  
Yet little thought I then that he  
Who asked a drink from me that trip  
Would next trip ask my Dad for me.

Tom's droving days are long since done;  
The wet tear oft has dimmed my eye;  
But days when I was wooed and won  
Come back to me . . . when stock go by!