

## **Bogle Eric**

### **"Aussie Barbeque"**

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Aussie Barbeque  
-Eric Bogle

When the summer sun is shining on Australia's happy  
land  
Round countless fires, in strange attire in many solemn  
bands  
of glum Australians watching as the lunch goes up in  
flames  
By the smoke and the smell you can plainly tell, that it's  
barby time again

When the steaks are burning fiercely, when the smoke  
gets in your eyes  
When the snacks all taste like fried toothpaste and your  
mouth is full of flies  
It's a national institution, it's Australian through and  
through  
So come on mate and grab your plate, let's have a  
barbeque!

The Scots eat lots of haggis, the French eat snails and  
frogs  
The Greeks throw kakis on their mousakis, and the  
Chinese love hot dogs  
The Welshmen love to have a leek, the Irish like thier  
stew  
But you just can't beat that half-cooked meat at an  
Aussie barbeque

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There's flies stuck to the margarine, the bread has  
gone rock hard  
The kids are fighting and the mossies are biting, who  
forgot the \_\_\_ again?

There's bull ants in the eskie, and the beer is running  
out  
And what you saw in Mom's cole slaw, you just don't  
think about

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And when the barby's over and your homeward way  
you wend  
With a queezy tummy on the family dummy, many  
lonely hours you'll spend  
You might find yourself reflecting, like many often do  
Come rain or shine that's the bloody last time that you'll  
have a barbeque!

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