

## **Hugh Cornwell**

# **"The Story Of Harry Power"**

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A hundred years and many a tear tells the story of  
Harry Power  
Took Ned Kelly when he was a lad and just a wild flower  
Taught him how to rob taught him how to hide in not so  
many hours  
Such was his fame the mention of his name led those  
who heard to cower  
His mother gave him fifteen quid to take the boy away  
Just fourteen and never been kissed but Harry's world  
held sway  
He lit the fire he cooked the food they headed  
Whitfield way  
Hold them horses Ned he cried And we'll be rich today!

To Bullock Creek they headed out and Ned became a  
ranger  
Those wooden walls were two feet thick to keep them  
from all danger  
Harry wagged his pipe at Ned and told the tale of  
Whitty  
Who sold his soul to the devil red and gave lawyers no  
pity  
They headed out the month of May and robbed the  
Buckland coach  
Look who's here brave Cody cried and Harry said  
Approach!  
The women gave their jewelry because Ned's ma  
needs a broach  
Hold them horses Ned he cried Let's find some gold to  
poach!

Harry disappeared a while but soon he came a calling  
He'd taken back the Quiller boots and Ned he was  
crestfallen  
The boots restored at Tarawingee Harry wasn't stalling  
Get on your horse and follow me his manners were  
appalling

He took revenge by urging Ned to tan old Bill Frost's  
hide  
In Beechworth Town a gun went off and Ned thought  
he'd shot wide

Frost he fell a naked ape and the blood spilled from his  
side  
Get on your horse and follow me you're a wanted man  
he lied

Harry was taken by the law and all thought that Ned  
was spilling  
But Ned he was a loyal dog he'd taken quite a grilling  
He took the blame read Lorna Doone then found a lady  
willing  
Then Fitzpatrick turned his coat and Ned he took to  
killing  
I've really had to simplify because Ned's the name we  
know  
He's the one that history has decided to show  
The books that bear his name describe his armor and  
his woe  
But Harry holds the key for me he's the truly seasoned  
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