

Slim

"The Man From Snowy River"

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There was movement at the station, for the word had
passed around that the colt from Old Regret had got
away
And had joined the wild bush horses, he was worth a
thousand pounds, so all the cracks had gathered to the
fray
All the tried and noted riders from the stations near
and far had mustered at the homestead overnight
For the bushmen love hard riding where the wild bush
horses are and the stock-horse snuffs the battle with
delight

There was Harrison, who made his pile when Pardon
won the cup and the old man with his hair as white as
snow
But few could ride beside him when his blood was fairly
up, he would go wherever horse or man could go
And Clancy of the Overflow came down to lend a hand,
no better horseman ever held the reins
For never horse could throw him while the saddle-
girths would stand and he learnt to ride while droving
on the plains

And one was there, a stripling on a small and weedy
beast, he was something like a racehorse undersized
With a touch of Timor pony, three parts thoroughbred
at least and such as are by mountain horsemen prized
He was hard and tough and wiry, just the sort that
won't say die, there was courage in his quick impatient
tread
And he bore the badge of gameness in his bright and
fiery eye and the proud and lofty carriage of his head

But still so slight and weedy, one would doubt his
power to stay and the old man said, that horse will
never do
For a long and tiring gallop lad, you'd better stop away,
those hills are far too rough for such as you
So he waited sad and wistful, only Clancy stood his
friend, oh I think we ought to let him come, he said
And I warrant he'll be with us when he's wanted at the

end, for both his horse and he are mountain bred

Oh he hails from Snowy River, up by Kosciusko's side,
where the hills

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