

Various Artists "I Am Australian"

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(Bruce Woodley and Dobe Newton)

We are one but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream
And sing with one voice
I am, you are, we are Australian

I came from the dream time, from the dusty red soil
plains
I am the ancient heart - the keeper of the flame
I stood upon the rocky shore, I watched the tall ships
come
For forty thousand years I'd been the first Australian

I came upon the prison ship bound down by iron chains
I cleared the land, endured the lash and waited for the
rains
I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife on a dry and barren
run
A convict then a free man, I became Australian

I'm the daughter of a digger who sought the mother
lode
The girl became a woman on the long and dusty road
I'm a child of the depression, I saw the good times
come
I'm a bushy, I'm a battler, I am Australian

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I'm a teller of stories, I'm a singer of songs
I am Albert Namatjira, and I paint the ghostly gums
I'm Clancy on his horse, I'm Ned Kelly on the run
I'm the one who waltzed Matilda, I am Australian

I'm the hot wind from the desert, I'm the black soil of
the plains

I'm the mountains and the valleys, I'm the drought and
flooding rains
I am the rock, I am the sky, the rivers when they run
The spirit of this great land, I am Australian

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