

Ben Hall

Australia

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1. Come all you young Aus - tra - li - ans and ev - 'ry - one be - sides, I'll
sing to you a dit - ty that will fill you with sur - prise, co -
cern - ing of a ran - ger bold whose name it was Ben Hall, but
cruel - ly mur - dered was this day which prov - ed his down - fall.

2. An outcast from society he was forced to take the road,
all through his false and treacherous wife who sold off his abode.
He was hunted like a native dog from bush to hill and dale,
till he turned upon his enemies and they could not find his trail.
3. All out with his companions men's blood he scorned to shed,
he oftentimes stayed their lifted hands with vengeance on their heads.
No petty mean or pilfering act he ever stooped to do,
but robbed the rich and hearty man and scorned to rob the poor.
4. One night as he in ambush lay all on the Lachlan Plain,
when thinking everthing secure to ease himself had lain,
when to his consternation and to his great surprise,
and without one moment's warning a bullet past him flies.
5. And it was soon succeeded by a volley sharp and loud
with twelve revolving rifles all pointed at his head.
"Where are you Gilbert? Where is Dunn?", he loudly did call,
it was all in vain they were not there to witness his downfall.
6. They riddled all his body as if they were afraid,
but in his dying moment he breathed curses on their heads.
That cowardly hearted Condell, the sergeant of police,
he crept and fired with fiendish glee till death did him release.
7. Although he had a lions heart more braver than the brave,
those cowards shot him like a dog, no word of challenge gave.
Though many friends had poor Ben Hall, his enemies were few,
like the emblems of his native land his days were numbered too.
8. It's through Australia's sunny climb Ben Hall will roam no more,
his name is spread both near and far to every distant shore.
For generations after this parents will to their children call,
and rehearse for them the daring deeds comitted by Ben Hall.