

The Drover's Dream



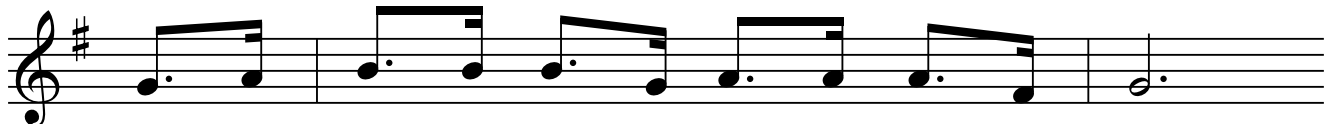
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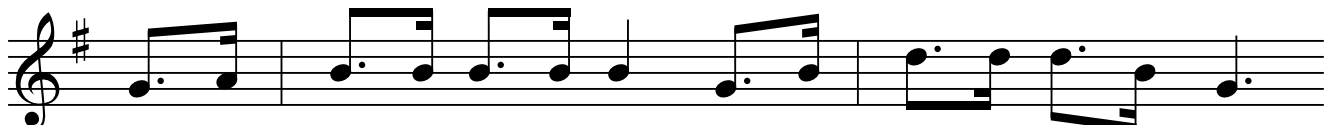
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When a very strange procession passed me by.
First there came a kangaroo with his swag of blankets blue,
A dingo ran beside him for a mate.
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"We shall have to jog along it's getting late."

The pelican and the crane, they came in from the plain
To amuse the compnay with the Highland Fling.
The dear old bandicoot played a tune upon his flute
And the native bears sat round them in a ring.
The brolga and the crow sang us songs of long ago
The frill-necked lizard kistened with a smile.
And the emu standing near with his claw up to his ear
Said "Funniest thing I've heard in quite a while".

The frogs from out the swamp where the night is pretty damp
Came bounding out and sat upon the stones
They all unrolled their swags and produced from little bags
The violin, the banjo and the bones.
The goanna and the snake and the adder wide awake
With an alligator dance the Soldier's Joy.
In the spreading silky oak, the jackass cracked a joke
And the magpie sang the Wild Colonial Boy.

Some wombats darted out from the ti-tree all about
and performed a set of Lancers very well.
The parrot green and blue gave the orchestra its cue
To strike up The Old Log cabin in the Dell.
I was dreaming, I suppose, of these entertaining shows
But it never crossed my mind I was asleep
Till the boss beneath the cart woke me up with such a start
Yelling "Dreamy, where the heck are all the sheep?"