

# The Maid Of Australia

♩. = 55

The musical score consists of seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has a tempo marking of ♩. = 55. The music is written in a style that suggests a piano accompaniment, with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The first staff has a 6/8 time signature, which changes to 9/8 in the second staff and remains there for the rest of the piece. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a clear rhythmic pattern. The piece ends with a double bar line on the seventh staff.

As I walked down by the Oxborough Banks  
Where the maids of Australia do play their wild pranks  
Beneath a green shady bower I sat myself down  
Where the birds sang so gaily enchanted all round  
In the forest of native Australia  
In the forest of native Australia  
Where the maidens are handsome and gay.

Now she dived in the water without fear or dread  
Her beautiful limbs she exceedingly spread  
Her hair hung in wrinkles, the colour was black  
"Sir", said she, "you will see how I float on my back  
On the stream in me native Australia  
On the stream in me native Australia  
Where the maidens are handsome and gay."

Now being exhausted she swam to the brink  
"Assistance, kind sir, for I surely shall sink".  
As quick as the lightning I took hold of her hand  
My foot slipped and we fell on the sand  
Here, on the native plains of Australia  
Here, on the native plains of Australia  
Just as the sun went down.

Now we frolicked together in the highest of glee  
In the finest Australia you ever did see  
The sun it went down and the clouds did resign  
Then I left the fair maid of Australia behind  
Then I left the fair maid of Australia behind  
Just as the sun went down.

Now six months being over and nine being come  
This pretty fair maid she brought forth a fine son  
"Oh where was his father?"; he could not be found  
And she cursed the hour that she laid on the ground  
In her native the plains of Australia  
In her native the plains of Australia  
Where the maidens are handsome and gay.