

I Am Australian

(Bruce Woodley/Dobe Newton 1987)

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I [C] came from the Dream-time, from the [F] dusty red soil [C] plains
I [Am] am the ancient heart, the [F] keeper [G] of the [C] flame
I stood upon the rocky shore, I [F] watched the [G] tall ships [Am] come [F]
For [C] forty thousand [Dm] years I've been the [F] first Aus[G]tra[C]lian

I [C] came upon the prison ship, bowed [F] down by iron [C] chains
I [Am] cleared the land, endured the lash, and [F] waited [G] for the [C] rains
I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife, on a [F] dry and [G] barren [Am] run [F]
A [C] convict then a [Dm] free man, I be[F]came Aus[G]tra[C]lian

CHORUS

We are [C] one, but we are [F] ma[C]ny
And from [Am] all the [G] lands on earth we [C] come
We share a dream, and sing with [F] one [C] voice
[F] I [G] am [Am] you [G] are, we [F] are Aus[G]tra[C]lian

I'm the [C] daughter of a digger who [F] sought the mother [C] lode
The [Am] girl became a woman, on the [F] long and [G] dusty [C] road
I'm a child of the Depression, I [F] saw the [G] good times [Am] come [F]
I'm a [C] bushy, I'm a [Dm] battler, I [F] am Aus[G]tra[C]lian

CHORUS

I'm a [C] teller of stories, I'm a [F] singer of [C] songs
I'm [Am] Albert Namitjira, I [F] paint the [G] ghostly [C] gums
I'm Clancy on his horse, I'm Ned [F] Kelly [G] on the [Am] run [F]
I'm the [C] one who waltzed [Dm] Matilda, I [F] am Aus[G]tra[C]lian

CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL: Verse Chords

CHORUS

I'm the [C] hot wind from the desert, I'm the [F] black soil of the [C] plains
I'm the [Am] mountains and the valleys I'm the [F] drought and [G] flooding [C] rains
I am the rock, I am the sky, the [F] rivers [G] when they [Am] run [F]
The [C] spirit of this [Dm] great land, I [F] am Aus[G]tra[C]lian

CHORUS X 2

(last line) (SLOWLY) [F] I [G] am [Am] you [G] are, we [F] are Aus[G]tra[C]lian

