



6 Old Billabong

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This contemporary folk song reminds us of another traditional Australian song. Do you know which one? It also warns us about how much we stand to lose if we don't care for our environment. It's easy to picture the billabong full of water, surrounded by swaying trees, a watering hole for animals or a shady spot for a family picnic. Easy to imagine that old swagman sitting beside it as he waited for his tinny to boil. But things have changed. What's happened to the old billabong?

Well, I'll sing a song about the old billabong,
I'll sing a song, a billabong song.
It's a sad, sad song for it tells of the wrong,
To the old billabong,
Old billabong,
All life has gone from the old billabong.

Just you imagine if a swagman came along,
And tried to jump into the old billabong.
The truth is, he couldn't and there'd be no song,
About who'll come a-waltzing,
Who'll come a-waltzing,
Waltzing matilda near the old billabong.



1. Who's go - ing down to the old bil - la - bong? As
can't go ___ down to the old bil - la - bong, You



old as Aus - tra - lia, the old bil - la - bong. We
can't go ___ down to the old bil - la - bong, for the



used to stay near - ly all day long at the
old bil - la - bong is a long time gone. There's



old ___ bil-la-bong, old ___ bil-la-bong.
no ___ bil-la-bong, no ___ bil-la-bong The



Who's go - ing down to the old bil - la -
old bil - la - bong has ___ dried up and

1, 2, 3.

4.



bong? 2. You bong.
gone.

