Answer To The Silvery Moonlight Trail

Slim Dusty

I'm sure you all remember, a song of yesterday, Was widely known throughout each home on many an outback way,

Was sung by one whose name and fame for years yet shall prevail

And now here is my answer, to the Silvery Moonlight Trail.

Our thoughts lie o'er the ocean, to Canada far away, We gaze upon the ranch house, where the rangeland cattle stray,

We see a fair young woman, a baby on her knee, The cowboy that she honours, stands guard across the sea.

That day there came a letter, from the cowboy o'er the foam,

He'd soon be home to see them and never more would he roam,

A smile caressed her dear face, a tear drop blurred each line

As fin'lly at the bottom, these words she sure did find.

How is my little darlin', my bonny baby boy Although I've never seen you, you fill yur dad's heart with joy,

Take care of darlin' mother, and wait just for the time,

When we'll have fun together, on the range at round-up time.

The teardrops came unbidden into her loving eyes, The moon rose in it's splender into the great dreary skies,

She gazed upon her baby, asleep now in her arms, And thanked God for His mercy and for that bundle of charms.

The old moon smiled up yonder, he also knows the tale, And so we feel in silence from the Silvery Moonlight Trail.