

Billinudgel

Slim Dusty

Well it must-a been 'round 4.30 in the mornin,
The first sight of dawn creepin' over the horizon,
Fifteen minutes from a Billinugel breakfast,
I was rolling down highway one.

And ya know what it's like
Up around the Northern rivers
Those windin' roads just give me the shivers,
And to top it all up there's been a few points of rain.

Well I've been stuck in low gear for what seems like
forever
Climbin' up a steep hill with my diesel a-runnin'
But the big ol' white was a fuel delight,
And the best rig doin' the rounds,

But you know what it's like when you're tired an'
you're hungry,
Everything that you do, well you do it in a hurry,
Well I got to the top an' I thought I'd just let her
roll down.
Hey!

It was a good long stretch of downhill runnin',
An' as far as I could see, there was nobody comin',
So I let her have her head a little bit longer,
An' she took off like a melly bull.

Then my mind on a meal an' my hands on the wheel,
Then my eyes started seeing things that couldn't be
real,
And the roadside posts started turnin' into six foot
logs,
(You know what time it is then mate.)
Time for a stop.

Well, I went for the brakes like a drunk for the
bottle,
But my foot missed the mark an' it landed on the
throttle,
And the diesel roared an' I prayed to the Lord
To the Lord "Won't you gi'me a break."
Oh, I guess he wasn't listen' or he just didn't care,
Or maybe he was taken forty winks up there
Cause soon I was riding a 22 wheel roller skate,

Then the wheels left the road as far as I can remember,
I was roaring thru the bush like a shearer on a bender,
When the door opened up and who should get in?
But a big red kangaroo

He said, "G'day mate, what the hell ya think you're
doin?
Give us the wheel there, I'll get ya thru it."
Then he crashed thru the gears an' we missed another
big ole dump,
Oh yeah!

Well a round-a-bout here it kinda gets in a muddle,
Though I seem to recall giving a koala a cuddle an' a
possum on the lap,
An' a white cockatoo screamin', "Give her a go, ya
mug."

Then when I awoke it was no damn joke,
I was alone in the cab except for blokes of Billinugel,
Starin' in the window and sayin', "Are you alright
mate?"
I said, "Fellas give us a big mug of black coffee,
A Billinugel special burger with the works,
Because u know fellas, ya never gonna believe this."

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