

# Boomerang

Slim Dusty

This is the tale of a new chum, Jack  
Who'd just come in from the Great Outback!

I asked an old dark man how the boomerang came to be  
And he told me as only a dark fella can  
That they made it from a boomerang tree

A boomerang, a boomerang, a boomerang tree  
I searched and searched but I never did see  
That's how the boomerang came to be  
They made it from a boomerang tree

I asked an old dark man where the kangaroo got its tail  
And he told me as only a dark fella can  
They shipped them in on the Birdsville mail

Shipped them in on the Birdsville mail  
A couple of a hundred to a bail  
Shipped them in on the Birdsville mail  
And that's how the kangaroo got its tail

I asked an old dark man where the roly-poly goes  
And he told me as only a dark fella can  
That the big fella Dabble-Dabble lives on those

A big fella Dabble-Dabble lives on those  
A big fella Dabble-Dabble lives on those  
And every picaninny knows:  
That's where the roly-poly goes

Boomerang, boomerang, kangaroo tail  
Roly-poly, Birdsville Mail  
New chum, new chum on the trail:  
All add up to a dark fella's tale

I asked an old dark man how you tell the Coolibah tree  
And he told me as only a dark fella can  
That they always write it with a capital 'C.'

Always write it with a capital 'C'  
Always write it with a capital 'C'  
And that's how you tell the Coolibah tree  
Well, that's what the dark man said to me

I asked an old dark man how the billabong got its name  
And he told me as only a dark fella can  
That he wasn't around when the billabong came

Wasn't around when the billabong came  
Wasn't around when the billabong came  
Doesn't know how it's got its name  
'Cause he wasn't around when the billabong came

Billabong, boomerang, kangaroo tail  
Roly-poly, Birdsville Mail  
Coolibah, new chum on the trail:  
All add up to a dark fella's tale

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