Why do I sit up late at night, Putting my soul and all my might Into the many songs I write For our country people? Australia's outback people.

Why do I sit for hours in here,
What made a derelect case of beer,
Or a fallen woman's hopes and fears?
Because they are our people.
Australia's busy people.
M-m, m-m, m-m

Why do I listen to the old men lie, How men were better in days gone by? A grievous end, and here is why, I feel for those old people. Australia's old time people.

How do I know what the young folks feel, Blindly reaching out to feel Something solid, something real To lead Australian people?
Proud Australian people.
M-m, m-m, m-m

Why do folk with coloured skin Open their doors, invite me in ? 'Cause Bungee's people and I are kin, He knows I know his people. Those real Australian people.

Why do I sit up late at night,
Putting my soul and all my might
Into the many songs I write ?
Because I love my people.
Australia's working people.
M-m, m-m, m-m, m-m, m-m...