Somewhere Up In Queensland

Slim Dusty

Now Billy was a blacksmith in the year of forty two He went right out of business there was no horses to shoe He packed his few belongings when the leaves began to fall He was going up to Queensland just to anyplace at all He had a horse and sulky and an old blue heeler dog They headed ever northward with a steady old jig jog They camped beside the river 'neath the willows green and tall As they headed up to Queensland just to anyplace at all One day as they were driving the hours dragged along He joined the friendly bush birds in their mountain laughing song He overtook a stranger who had his swag and all And he was tramping up to Queensland just to anyplace at all Now Billy said to the stranger would you like to take a ride You can hop up in the sulky if it won't hurt yer pride The stranger thanked him kindly and climbed into the seat. Where they talked about their livelihood and the fellers that you meet The stranger said I'm Jimmy and I was a shearer's mate Oh but the big contractors they say I'm out of date I kind of got discouraged so I rolled my swag and all And I'm I headin' up to Queensland just to anyplace at all The two became good cobbers as the weeks they rolled around They went over the border and through the darling downs They camped beside the river of a town I can't recall But it was somewhere up in Queensland just to anyplace at all Next morning they were waken with horses all around They saw the same old hitching rails in this old outback town Then Billy said to Jimmy in his old familiar drawl I think we'll settle down here good as any place at all They soon rented a stable and a shed without a floor Jimmy fixed a sign up and he nailed it on the door It read Blacksmith and shoein' done no job too big or small And it was somewhere up in Queensland at anyplace at all They had a boomin' business and stayed that way for years Billy did the shoein' while jimmy dressed the shears

And of you chance to meet them this story they'll recall When they headed up to Queensland just to anyplace at all When they headed up to Queensland just to anyplace at all When they headed up to Queensland just to anyplace at all