

The Birdsville Track

Slim Dusty

Way out in heartbreak corner in Australia's far outback
The desert broods its secrets along the Birdsville
track

A family came and perished oh what a tragic end
That fierce relentless desert has claimed so many men

I've learned how thirst can craze the mind in cruel
heat outback
And I grieve for that poor family along the Birdsville
track
The great white ball of fire rode o'er the cloudless
dome
And scorched all living creatures upon the sand and
stone

Way out in heartbreak corner they went and ne'er came
back
And another story's buried there along the Birdsville
track

Then twilight fell with calmness as silent as a tomb
And phantom streams reflected the rising of the moon
The days and nights that followed brought panic and
despair
And blinding sandstorms raged as though to drown a
mother's prayer

Then demons of the desert came to claim their tortured
minds
And searching bushmen came too late and read the tragic
signs
And now beside a coolabah where desert grasses wave
The brumby stallion leads his mob to skirt the new made
graves

Way out in heartbreak corner they went and ne'er came
back
May twilight bring them peace at night along the
Birdsville track

The dingoes howl so dismally the lonely curlews cry
As though in deepest mourning for those poor souls who
died
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