

A slight diversion for NDC... 'I Am Australian' - This song so encapsulates and celebrates the diversity of Australian society that I felt the impetus to produce this one-off video. This is, but a minor diversion, an indulgence. I hope you find it informative and to your liking. - NDC

The Seekers - <http://www.theseekers.com.au/bio-pages/biographies/bruce-woodley>

Judith Durham - <http://judithdurham.com/>

I AM AUSTRALIAN

THE SEEKERS (Judith Durham, Athol Guy, Keith Potger and Bruce Woodley)

COMPOSED BY BRUCE WOODLEY/DOBE NEWTON

I came from the Dreamtime  
From the dusty red soil plains  
I am the ancient heart  
The keeper of the flames  
I stood upon the rocky shore  
I watched the tall ships come  
For forty thousand years I've been the first Australian

I came upon the prison ships  
Bound down by iron chains  
I fought the land  
Endured the lash  
And waited for the rains  
I'm a settler  
I'm a farmer's wife  
On a dry and barren run  
A convict then a free man  
I became Australian

I'm a daughter of a digger  
Who sought the mother load  
The girl became a woman  
On the long and dusty road  
I'm a child of the depression  
I saw the good time come  
I'm a bushy, I'm a battler  
I am Australian

We are one  
But we are many  
And from all the lands on earth we come  
We'll share a dream  
And sing with one voice  
I am, you are, we are Australian

I'm a teller of stories  
I'm a singer of songs  
I am Albert Namatjira  
And I paint the ghostly gums  
I'm Clancy on his horse  
I'm Ned Kelly on the run  
I'm the one who waltzed Matilda  
I am Australian

I'm the hot wind from the desert  
I'm the black soil of the plain  
I'm the mountains and the valleys  
I'm the drought and flooding rains  
I am the rock  
I am the sky  
The rivers when they run  
The spirit of this great land  
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