

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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