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There was not a star to illuminate the sky,
I was dreaming, I suppose, for my eyes were nearly closed
When a very strange procession passed me by.
First there came a kangaroo with his swag of blankets blue
A dingo ran beside him for a mate;
They were travelling mighty fast, and they shouted as they passed

One night while travelling sheep, my companions lay asleep

The pelican and the crane, they came in from off the plain To amuse the company with a Highland Fling The dear old bandicoot played a tune upon his flute And the native bears sat round them in a ring.

"We'll have to jog along, it's getting late."

The drongo and the crow sang us songs of long ago While the frill-necked lizard listened with a smile; And the emu standing near with his claw up to his ear Said, "Funniest thing I've heard for quite a while."

The frogs from out the swamp where the atmosphere is damp Came bounding in and sat upon the stones;
They each unrolled their swags and produced from out their bags The violin, the banjo and the bones
The goanna and the snake and the adder wide awake
With the alligator danced "The Soldier's Joy."

In the spreading silky oak the jackass cracked a joke
And the magpie sang, "The Wild Colonial Boy,"

Some brolgas darted out from the tea-tree all about And performed a set of Lancers very well. Then the parrot green and blue gave the orchestra its cue To strike up "The Old Log Cabin in the Dell."

I was dreaming, I suppose, of these entertaining shows But it never crossed my mind I was asleep; Till the Boss beneath the cart woke me up with such a start Yelling," Dreamy, where the hell are all the sheep?"

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