

# I AM AUSTRALIAN

Music and Lyrics by Dobe Newton and Bruce Woodley

2 bar intro

as sung by The Seekers

I came from the dream-time from the dusty red-soil plains  
I am the ancient heart the keeper of the flame  
I stood upon the rocky shores , I watched the tall ships come  
For forty thousand years I've been the first Australian

I came upon the prison ship bound down by iron chains  
I fought the land, endured the lash, and waited for the rains  
I'm a settler, I'm a farmers wife on a dry and barren run  
a convict then a free man I became Australian

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

## Chorus:

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 plains  
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, I am Australian

**Chorus x 3**