



**Intro:** [C] forty thousand years I've been, The [F] first Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**JON** I [C] came from the dream-time, From the [F] dusty red-soil [C] plains  
I [Am] am the ancient heart, The [F] keeper [G] of the [C] flame  
I stood upon the rocky shores, I [F] watched the [G] tall ships [Am] come.  
For [C] forty thousand [F] years I've been, The [C] first Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**DES** I [C] came upon the prison ship, Bowed [F] down by iron [C] chains  
I [Am] fought the land, endured the lash, And [F] waited [G] for the [C] rains  
I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife, On a [F] dry and [G] barren [Am] run,  
A [C] convict, then a [F] free man, I be-[C]-came Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**DI** I'm the [C] daughter of a digger, Who [F] sought the mother [C] lode  
The [Am] girl became a woman, On the [F] long and [G] dusty [C] road  
I'm a child of the Depression, I [F] saw the [G] good times [Am] come,  
I'm a [C] bushie, I'm a [F] battler, I [C] am Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**Chorus:** [C!] We [C!] are [C] one, but we are [F] ma-[C]-ny,  
[C] And from [Am] all the [G] lands on earth we [C] come.  
We'll share a [Am] dream and sing with [F] one [C] voice,  
"[F!] I [C!] am, [Am!] you [G!] are, we [F] are Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an" [C]

**GUY** I'm a [C] teller of stories, I'm a [F] singer of [C] songs,  
I am [Am] Albert Namatjira, And I [F] paint the [G] ghostly [C] gums.  
I'm Clancy on his horse, I'm Ned [F] Kelly [G] on the [Am] run,  
I'm the [C] one who waltzed [F] Matilda, I [C] am Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**KEV** I'm the [C] hot wind from the desert,  
I'm the [F] black soil of the [C] plains,  
I'm the [Am] mountains and the valleys,  
I'm the [F] drought and [G] flooding [C!] rains.

**[N.C.]** I am the rock, I am the sky, The [F>] rivers [G>] when they [Am] run,  
The [C] spirit of this [F] great land, I [C] am Aus-[G]-trali-[C]-an [C]

**Play and SING SOFTLY** [C!] We [C!] are [C] one, but we are [F] ma-[C]-ny,  
[C] And from [Am] all the [G] lands on earth we [C] come.  
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[F!] I [C!] am, [Am!] you [G!] are, we [F] are Aus-[G]-trali-[C>]-an