Virgin Ground   Redgum

Based on the William Lane expeditions to Paraguay in the 1890s.
[D] [G] [D] [G]   [D] [G] [A] [A7]

[D] Sydney town 18-**[G]** 85,   **[D]** sulphur air and **[G]** blackened skies
And you **[D]** live your lives in the **[G]** pocket of a richer **[A]** man **[A7]**
In the **[D]** sheds, on the docks,   and **[G]** down the mines
From the **[D]** backblocks of Queensland to the **[G]** Goyder Line
The **[D]** banks hold the money
                          and they **[G]** keep the strikers down with **[A]** guns **[A7]**

We **[D]** won't drop anchor till we **[A]** reach Alta Mira **[G]** Sound **[G //] [A //]**
     [D] Heave away we're **[A]** New Australia **[G]** bound **[G //] [A //]**
     [D] Heave away we're **[A]** New Australia **[G]** bound
   [A] [A7 !]   For virgin **[D]** ground **[G]   [D] [G]   [D] [G] [A] [A7]**

In **[D]** pokey little offices in **[G]** Adelaide
You **[D]** count company profits but you're **[G]** underpaid
There **[D]** must be more to life than the **[G]**promise of another **[A]** day**[A7]**
So **[D]** collect your tools and **[G]** pack your bag
The **[D]** sea is calling, hoist a **[G]** brave new flag
We'll **[D]** make history in the **[G]** forests of Para-**[A]** guay **[A7]**

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[G] Wide-eyed romantics in a **[A]** half-baked **[D]**dream
[G] Pure motives aren't **[A]** what they **[D]**seem (you've got your...)
You've got your **[G]**   feet caked in **[A]** Australian **[D]** mud
And you **[G]** can't deny what's **[A]** in your **[D]** blood
And the**[G >]** Paraguay skies, and the **[A >]** nights so cold
You can **[G >]** forsake your country
and **[A !]** lose your soo-**[A !]**-oul **[A !]**

[N.C.] You've got to **[D]** run from your troubles
No **[A]** need to stand your **[G]** ground
[D] Heave away we're **[A]** New Australia **[G]** bound **[G //] [A //]**
We **[D]** won't drop anchor till we **[A]** reach Alta Mira **[G]** Sound **[G //] [A //]**
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