

Waltzing Matilda



BANJO PATERSON • FREYA BLACKWOOD

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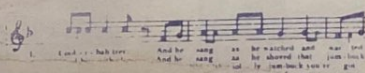
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Waltzing Matilda



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Down came a jumbuck to drink at
up jumped the swagman and patted

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Down came a jumbuck
up jumped the swagman

Sung with immense success !!!!

THE POPULAR SONG

"Waltzing Matilda"



WORDS BY

A. B. PATERSON,
Author of
The Man from Snowy River, &c
Music arranged by



See





Under the shade of a coolibah tree;
 And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled—
 'You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.'

BRISBANE COURIER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1894

FIRST-CLASS PASTRY

BUSHRANGER, C^O NO SIGNING FOR WINTON SHEARERS

COMPARE
 Bushell & Company's Teas
 1/3 & 2/- per lb.
 Sold for Others at double the Price

All shearers at Dagworth station have refused to sign the pastoralists' agreement, and are now on their way to Winton. It is expected that non-union shearers will be brought in to shear the 120,000.

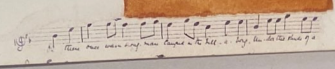
BUSHRANGER ON RAMPAGE

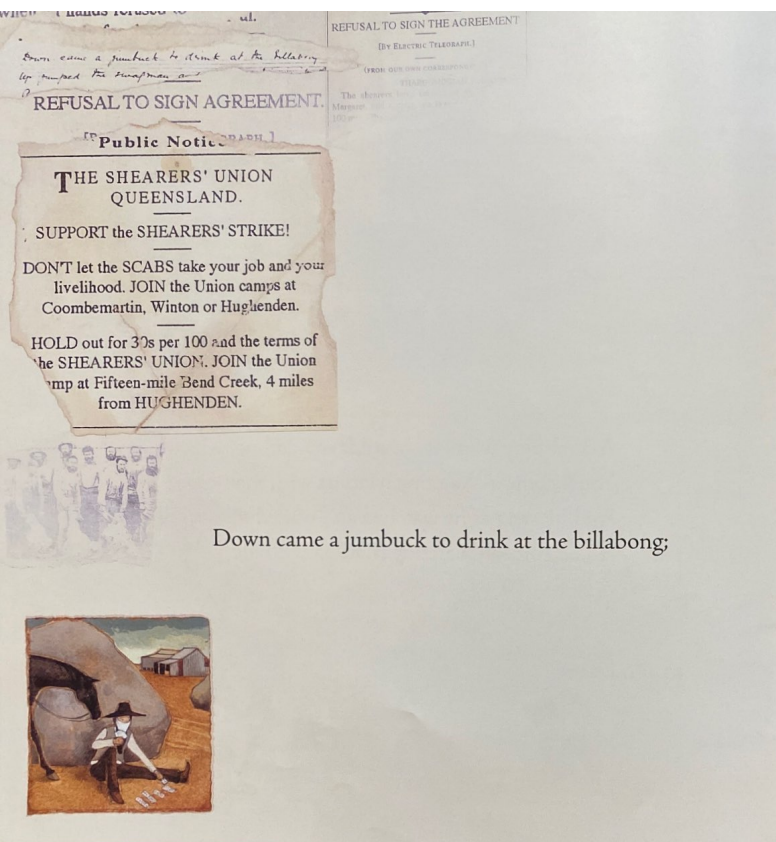
CLONCURRY, SATURDAY.
 The infamous bushranger Black Bearded Tom escaped police clutches yesterday after raiding a coach travelling from Cloncurry to Brisbane. The coach was stopped just outside the settlement of Kintley at 3 o'clock. Black Bearded Tom held three travellers, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, their daughter and coachman captive while removing the mail from the coach. He then fired a shot at the coachman.

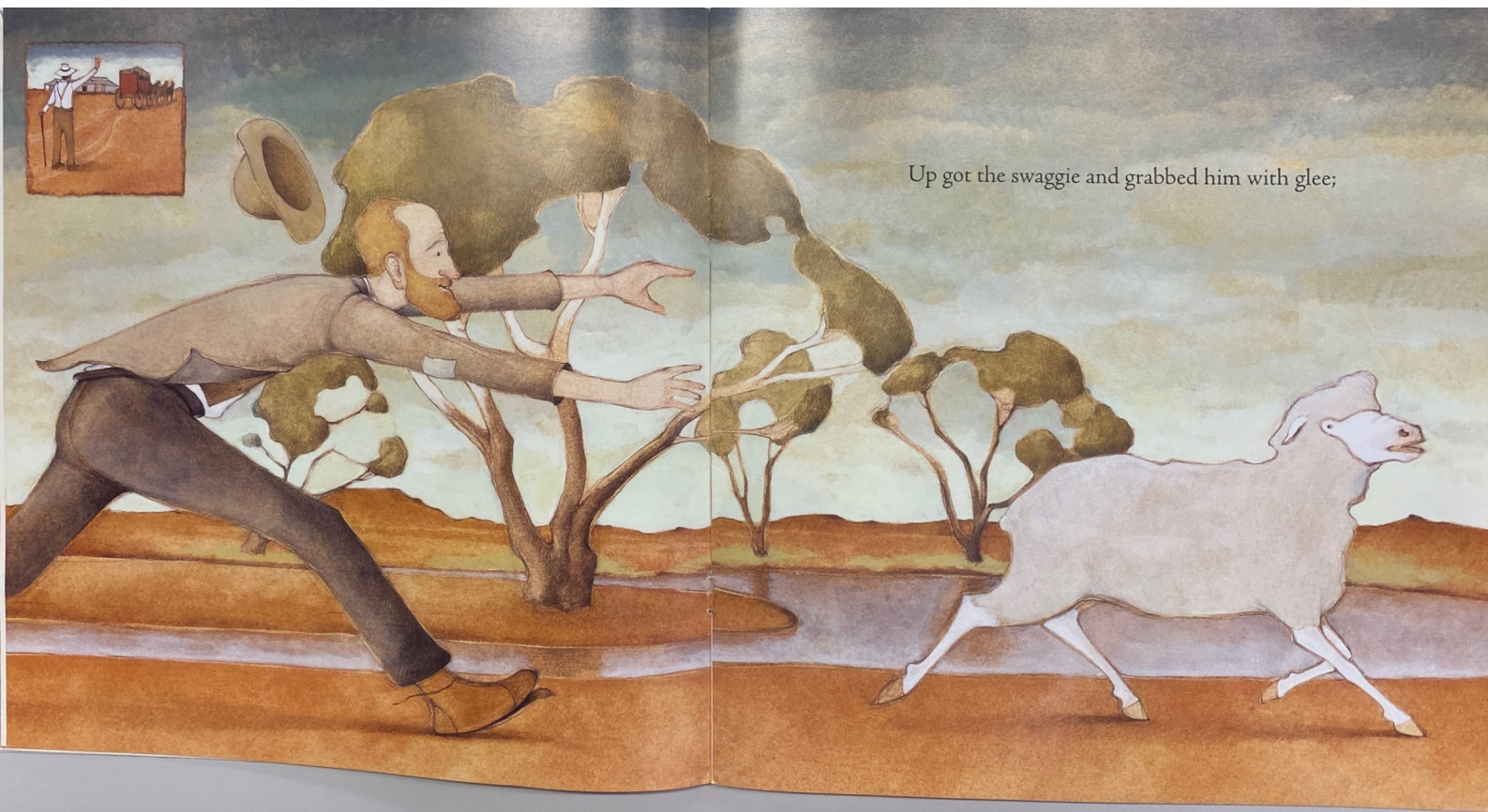
Public Notices.

THE SHEARERS' UNION QUEENSLAND.

SUPPORT the SHEARERS' STRIKE!
 DON'T let the SCABS take your job and your livelihood. JOIN the Union camps at Coombemartin, Winton or Hargraves.









And he sang as he stowed that jumbuck in his tuckerbag—
 'You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.'

*...just had some more sheep
 and he said as he put them away in the tucker bag
 "You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me."*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1894

THE SHEARING DISPUTE.

ARRIVAL OF NON-UNIONISTS.

POLICE ESCORT FOR PROTECTION.

THE SHEARING DISPUTE.

ENGAGEMENT OF NON-UNIONISTS.

CONTINGENT FROM THE SOUTH.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ROCKHAMPTON, July 26

The steamer Eurymela, which left Melbourne on Tuesday for Rockhampton, had on board forty shearers under engagement to the Central Queensland Pastoralists' Association. These will be thirty-five in Brisbane by a large number engaged other men required to arrive here next week. It is previously engaged, further contingent will join them, shed at their own cost, been promised extended contingent will arrive for use.


The Pastoralists' place of o'clock

Immediately on their arrival at Bowen Downs in the SOUTH.

waning supply of free labour.

ARRIVALS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.] TWENTY-FOUR



A-Waltzing Matilda, Matilda my darling,
 You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me;
 And he sang as he stowed that jumbuck in his tuckerbag—
 'You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.'

RAID BY UNIONIST S

E COURIER

SHEARER'S STRIKE CONTINUES

THE SHEARERS' DISA BRAVE POLICEMAN

MAN SHOT IN THE GROIN

ST UNIONIST SHEARERS

number of telegrams were received in town

Longreach showing that the

RAID BY UNIONIST SHEARERS

OVERAWED BY REVOLVER

A BRAVE POLICEMAN

DENILQUIN, SATURDAY

It is reported that a raid was made by 40 men

from the union camp at Conargo, on Quismong

station, at midnight last night. The one policeman

on duty there presented his revolver and threatened



will recover

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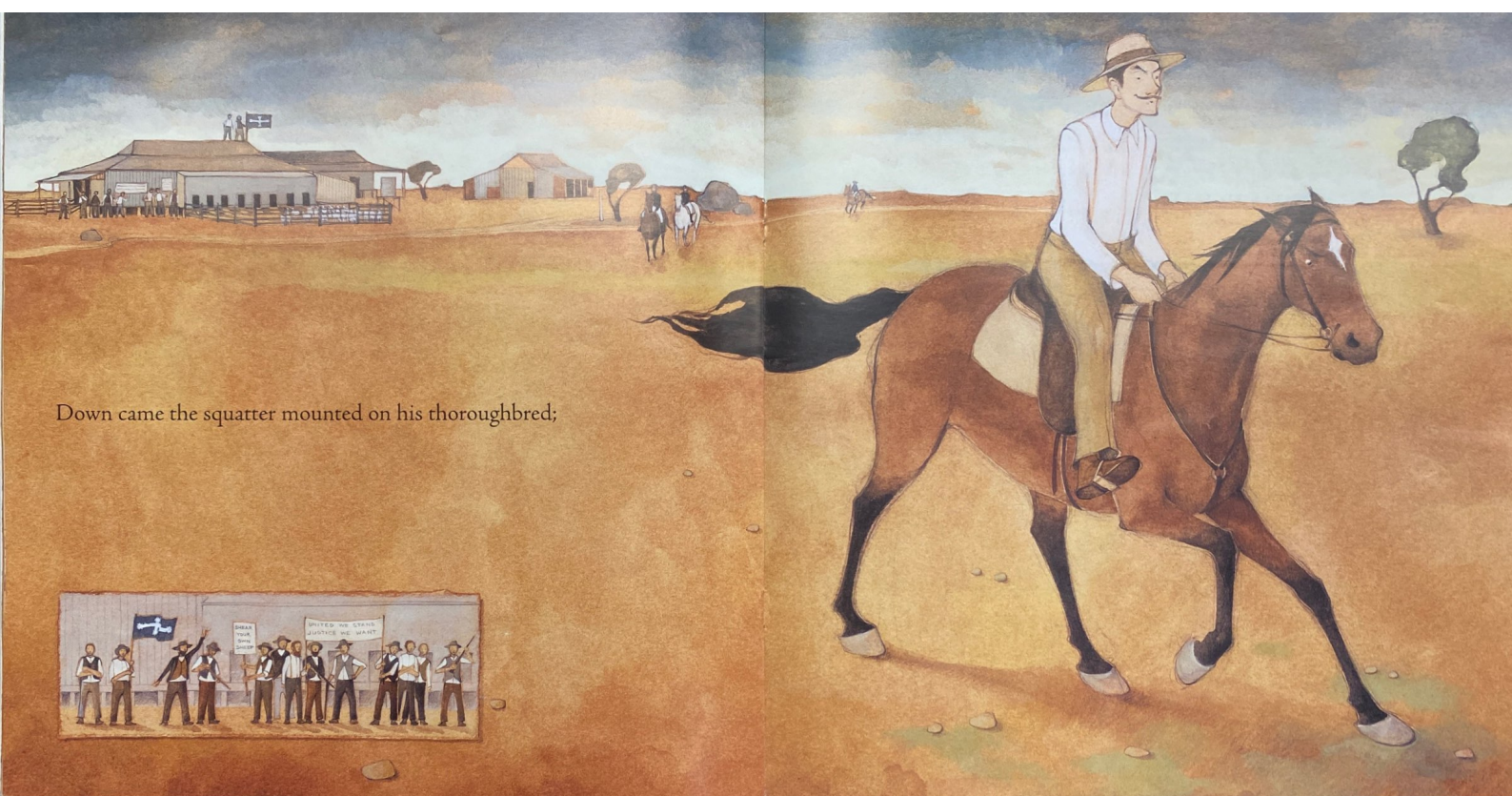
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UNIONISTS

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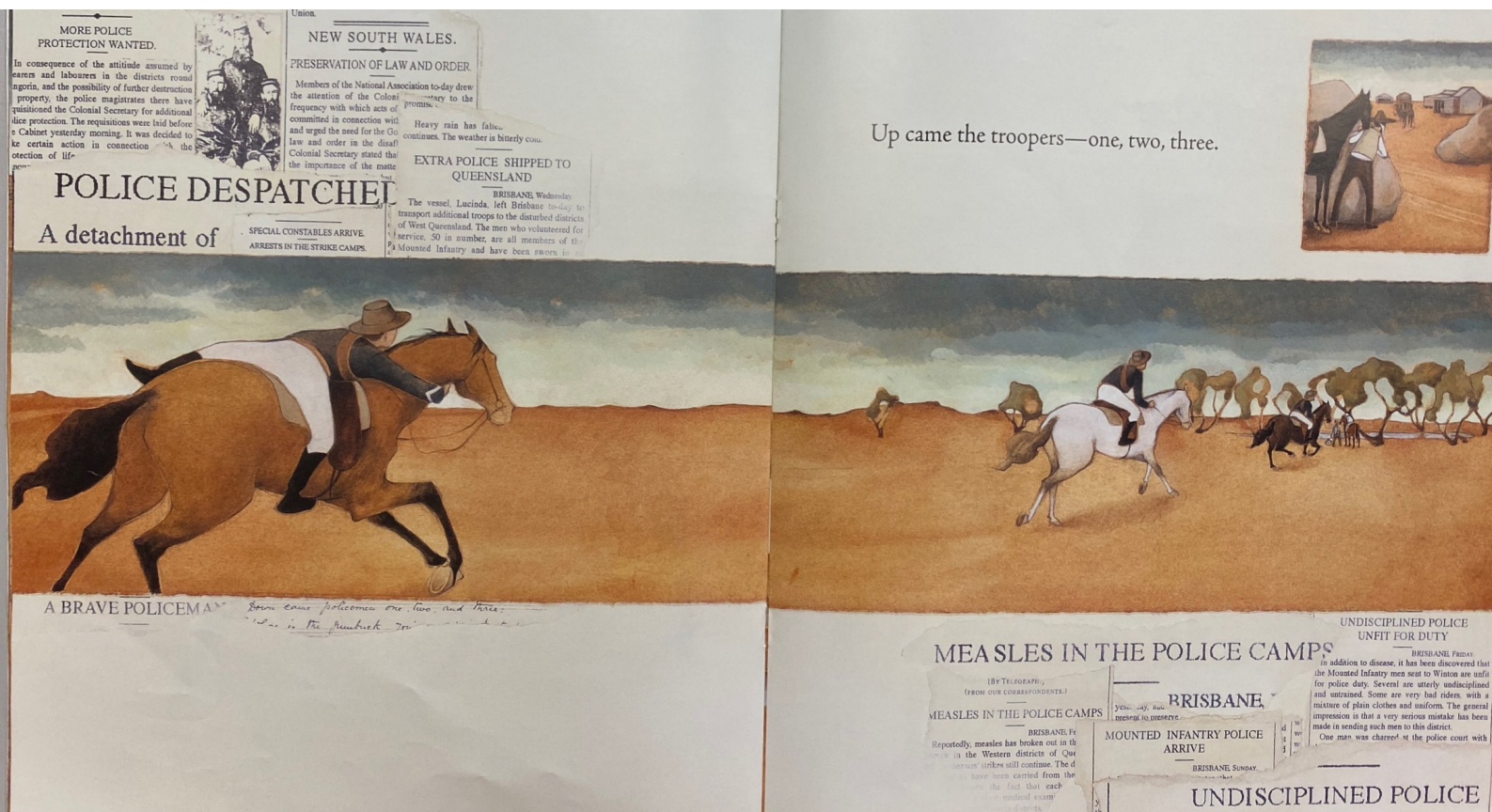
The Wilcannia left this evening





Down came the squatter mounted on his thoroughbred;









A-Waltzing Matilda, Matilda my darling,
 You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me;
 'Who's the jolly jumbuck you've got in your tuckerbag?
 You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.'



REDCLIFFE STATION WOOLSHED
 BURNED.
 EIGHTY-ONE WOOL BALES
 DESTROYED.

The Colonial Secretary received information
 yesterday that on Friday night the woolshed on
 Redcliffe station, in the Brisbane district was
 destroyed.
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 Sir
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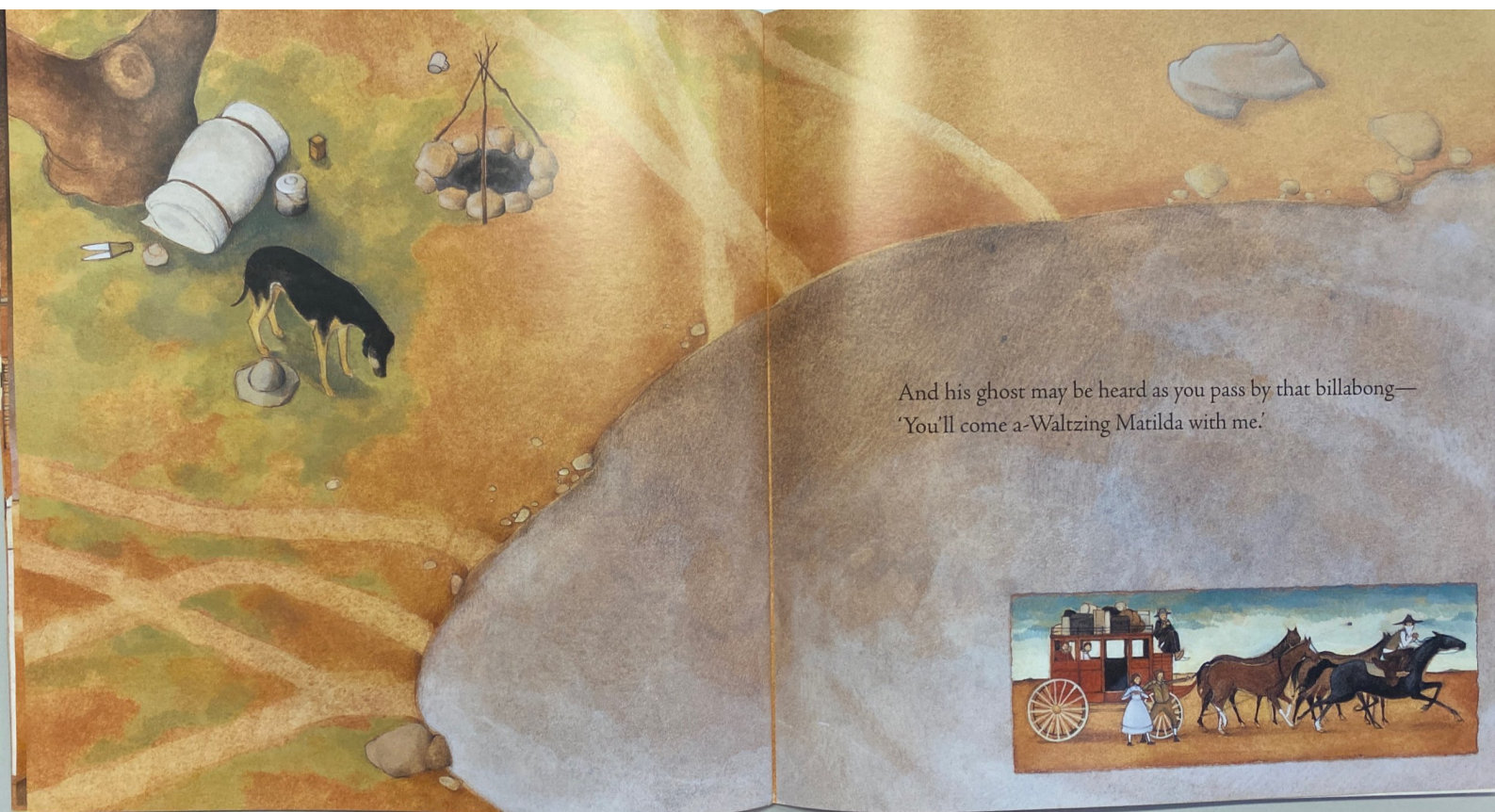
OUTRAGES IN QUEENSLAND.

THE SHEARING DISPUTE.
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 that another woolshed burned.

[By Electric Telegraph.]

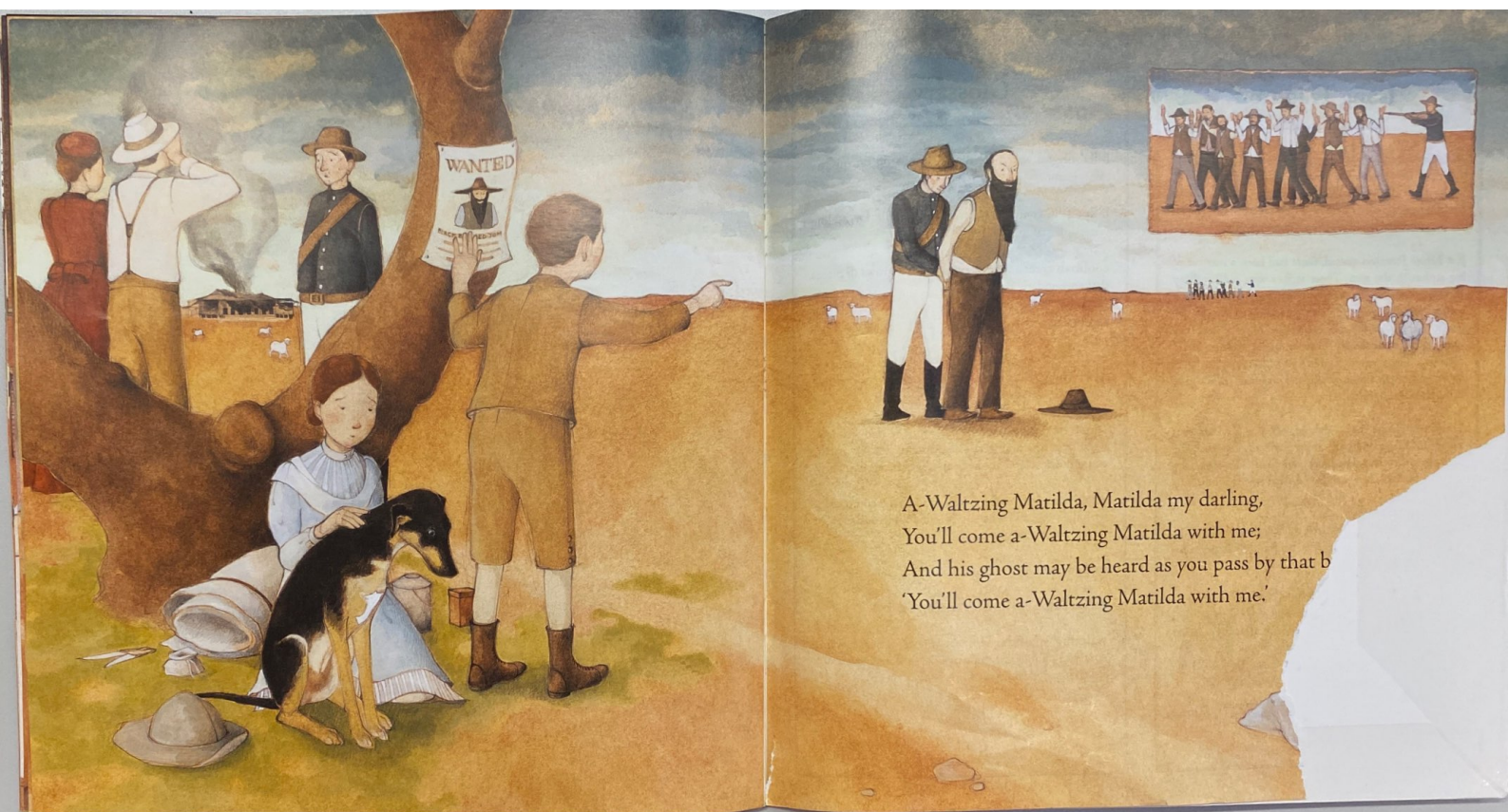


Up got the swaggie and jumped into the billabong.
'You'll never catch me alive,' said he.



And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong—
'You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.'





A Short History of a Long Tradition

'Waltzing Matilda' is said to have been composed to fit a tune that Banjo Paterson heard a young woman playing in January 1895. The young woman was Christina Macpherson, whose father was a rich squatter who owned the *Dagworth* station in northern Queensland.

Just before Paterson visited, there had been a number of big strikes in the area. These strikes were led by sheep shearers. The shearers wanted better pay, but the station owners (who were mostly rich squatters) didn't want to give it to them. So the shearers refused to work until they were offered more money. There was a lot of violence and suffering. The shearers' families went hungry, and fights broke out when other workers (known as 'scabs') were brought in to do the shearing.

One story claims that a shearing shed at *Dagworth* was burnt to the ground by angry strikers, and that the violence got so bad that shots were fired. This story says a strike leader was found dead beside a billabong

written this song in honour of the
Freya Blackwood's illustrations

published as a song in
ly different, both in tune
erson had written earlier.
ame better known. The
Freya Blackwood has
wrote in 1895.

as Australia's unofficial

Glossary

billabong: a waterhole that only fills up during the rainy season.

billy: a tin container with a wire handle for boiling water and making tea.

coolibah tree: a type of eucalypt that grows in places that are regularly flooded.

jumbuck: another word for a sheep.

matilda: a swag, or a bedroll that is carried like a backpack. Matilda is also a slang word for something that has been stolen.

squatter: in the past, those who settled on land without permission were called squatters; they usually chose the best land available and became very wealthy.

swagman: a man who travels around the countryside with his swag, and who survived by doing odd jobs for farmers, or by begging.

tucker: food.

tuckerbag: a bag used for carrying food.

waltzing matilda: this can mean either carrying your swag about the countryside, or carrying away a stolen item (in the case of this song, a sheep).