

# ABORIGINAL SLUMBER SONG

*p. Semplice.*

Once when the Moon was shi-ning

O'er bush and bil-la bong..... A dark skind

moth er nursed her ba.....be And sang her

Song, her slumber song.....

oh Birrah-lee my Birrah-lee  
oh!

LH Bra. pp  
pp Bra.....

oh, Bir-rah - lee, my Bir-rah lee

Bah-loo now shines on high.....;

So in your Boon-ga safe-ly rest... Till Har-ri-meen...

The first system of the handwritten musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with lyrics: "So in your Boon-ga safe-ly rest... Till Har-ri-meen...". The lower staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

... draws nigh. while Kar-ka-war-ri

The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line has lyrics: "... draws nigh. while Kar-ka-war-ri". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support, including some chordal textures and melodic fragments.

stirs the trees... And Nil-loo flows a long...;

The third system features the lyrics: "stirs the trees... And Nil-loo flows a long...;". The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings such as *pp* (pianissimo) and *ppp* (pianississimo) in the vocal line, and continues with harmonic accompaniment in the piano part.

sleep... my Bir-ra-lee on Mo-ther's Knee

The final system on the page has the lyrics: "sleep... my Bir-ra-lee on Mo-ther's Knee". The piano accompaniment concludes with sustained chords and a final melodic phrase in the vocal line, marked with *pp*.

X *Danger*

Knee. while I sing your Slum - ber song.

Your Slumber Song. your

slum ber song

1st. 2nd.

Estinto

D.C.

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(Copy for Mrs. Davison.)

Glossary: Birrahlee . Baby  
Bahloo . Moon.  
Boonga . Shelter.

Harrimeon . Day  
Katkawitta . Evening Breeze  
Milloo . River.

Reference: ABORIGINAL WORD BOOK (Justice Kenyon)

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 2/4 time signature. It contains two measures of music, each starting with a '7' above the staff. The first measure has a melodic line with a '+' sign below it and a 'ms' above it. The second measure has a similar melodic line with a '+' sign below it and a 'ms' above it. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 2/4 time signature. It contains two measures of music, each starting with a 'p.' below the staff. The first measure has a '+' sign below it. The second measure has a '+' sign below it. The notes in the bass staff are simple chords or single notes.