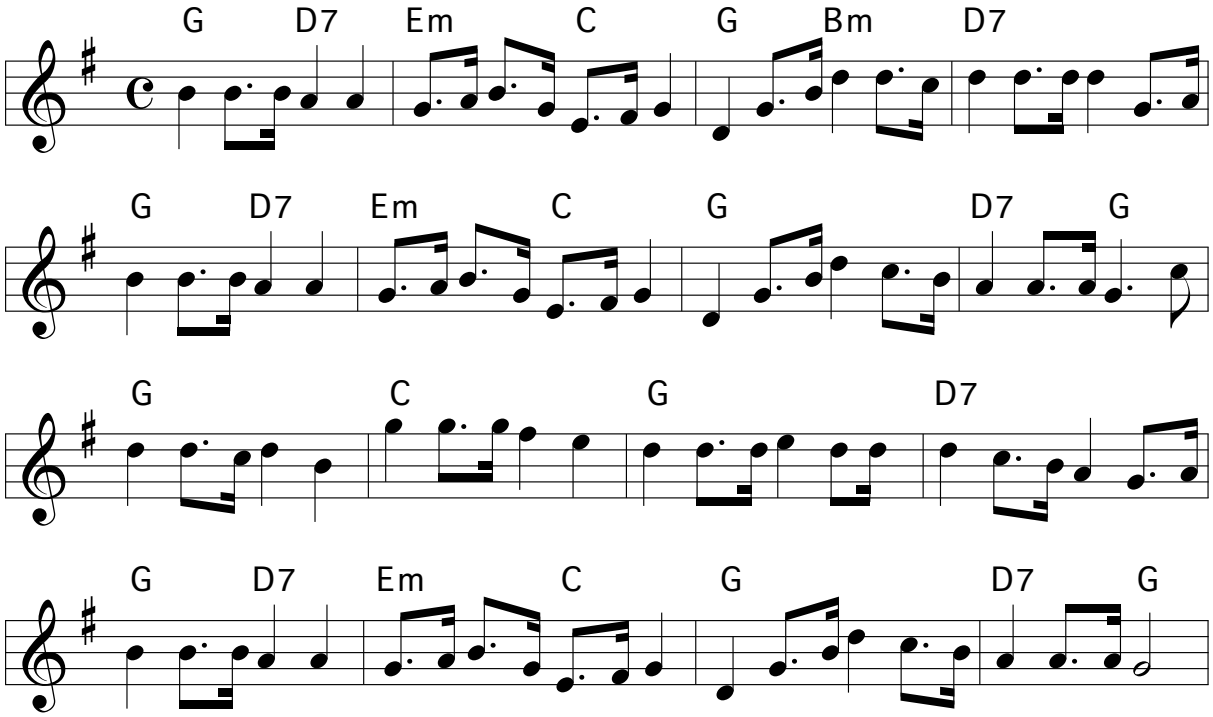Waltzing Matilda

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Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong
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!"

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled,
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!"

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the billabong
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him glee,
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag,
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!"

Up rode the squatter, mounted on his thoroughbred,
Down came the troopers, one, two, three,
"Whose is that jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag?"
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with we!"

Up jumped the swagman, sprang 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!"