

PARTS: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass All Harmony

KEY: **bold** = first beat of bar      ^ = rest      Underline = triplet      backing vocal = [text]

## 036 - I Am Australian

### Verse 1

I **came** from the **dream**-time from the **dus**-ty  
red soil **plains**

I **am** the anc-ient **hear**-t the **kee**-per of the  
**flame**

I **stood** u-pon the **rock**-y shore I **watched** the  
tall ships **come**

for **for**-ty thous-and **years** I'd been - the **first**  
Aust-ral-i-an.

### Verse 2

I **came** u-pon the **pris**-on ship bowed **down**  
by iro-n **chains**

I **cleared** the land, **endur**-ed the lash and  
**wait**-ed for the **rains**

I'm a **sett**-ler, I'm a **farm**-er's wife on a **dry**  
and bar-ren **run**

a **con**-vict then a **free**-man I be-**came**  
Aust-ral-i-an.

### Verse 3

*(Altos harmonise with Sopranos)* I'm the **daugh**-ter  
of a **digg**-er who **sought** the moth-er **lode**

the **girl** be-**came** a **wo**-man on the **long** and  
**dust**-y **road**

*(Altos harmonise with Bass/Tenor)* I'm a **child** of the  
**de**-**press**-ion I **saw** the good times **come**

I'm a **bush**-ie, I'm a **bat**-tler I **am** Aust-ral-i-an.

### Chorus

*(Altos harmonise)* We are **one**, but we are **ma**-ny,

and from **all** the **lands** on earth we **come**

we share a **dream** and sing with **one** voice

**I am - you are - we are** Aust-ral-i-an.

### Verse 4

I'm a **tell**-er of **stor**-ies I'm a **sing**-er of **songs**

I am **Al**-bert Nam-at-**jira**. I **paint** the ghost-ly  
**gums**

I am **Clan**-cy on his **horse**. I'm Ned **Kell**-y on  
the **run**

I'm the **one** who walt-zed Ma-**til**-da. I **am**  
Aust-ral-i-an.

### Verse 5

*(Altos harmonise)* I'm the **hot** wind from the  
**des**-ert. I'm the **black** soil of the **plains**

I'm the **moun**-tains and the **vall**-eys I'm the  
**drought** and flood-ing **rains**

I **am** the rock, I **am** the sky, the **riv**-ers when  
they **run**

The **spir**-it of this **grea**-t land I **am**  
Aust-ral-i-an.

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### Tag

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*I am Australian (or We are Australian) is a popular Australian poem written in 1987 by Bruce Woodley of The Seekers and Dobe Newton of The Bushwackers. The music was composed by Bruce Woodley.*