

Songs

Down by the Sydney Side

Words from AB Paterson's 'Old Bush Songs', Setting by David Johnson 2004

Verse

Musical notation for the Verse, set in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. Chords are indicated by letters G, C, Am, and D7 above the staff. The lyrics are: "Ov - er near a chock - and - log hut, Down by the riv - er - side, A bronzed young bush - man sat, Tell - ing his blush - ing bride That the time had come when he must rove Down by the Syd - ney side."

Chorus

Musical notation for the Chorus, continuing in G major and 4/4 time. Chords are indicated by letters C, G, Em, Am, D7, and G above the staff. The lyrics are: "Down by the Syd - ney side, my dear, Down by the Syd - ney side; I must a - way in the morn - ing, love, Down by the Syd - ney side."

For the sheep they wanted shearing,
And of shearers there was few,
And 'twas time that he was steering
Across the sunny New (South Wales)–
So I must away in the morning, love,
Down by the Sydney side.

She kissed him yet once more again,
As she tightly clasped his hand,
And, though her heart it throbbed with pain,
She murmured a fond Good-bye!
For she knew that he was bound to ride
Down by the Sydney side.

The best of friends must part, my dear,
Your faith in me abide;
Trust in my love, and have no fear,
For soon I'll homeward ride;
Then for a year I will not steer
Down by the Sydney side.

Final Chorus Last Line
I'll stay away in the morning, love,
From down the Sydney side.