

# Old and Not So Old Bush Songs

## Charlie Mopps

*A popular song among sailors, but its origin is unclear. Popularised in the play "Reedy River".*

The musical score is written in 3/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff has a key signature change to one flat (F major/D minor). Chord symbols C, F, G7, and C are placed above the notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

A long time ago, way back in history,  
When all they had to drink was nothing but cups of tea,  
Along came a man by the name of Charlie Mopps,  
And he invented a wonderful drink and he gave it the name of hops.

### Chorus

Oh, he oughter been an admiral, a sultan or a king,  
And to his praises we should always sing,  
Look what he has done for us, he's filled us up with cheer,  
Lord bless Charlie Mopps, the man who invented beer!

When beer was first invented it was very, very dear,  
Just fancy paying a caser for a glorious glass of beer.  
People of that day were foolish so they say,  
They used to chew the hops and throw the beer away.

The day that Charlie died, he came to Heaven's gate,  
He said to Saint Peter, "Now tell me how I rate."  
St. Peter looked at him and said, "Now tell me, who are you?"  
He said, "I'm Charlie Mopps" and Peter said, "Pass through!"

At the \*Hotham, Young and Jackson's, the Sarah Sands\* as well,  
One thing you can be sure, it's Charlie's beer they sell,  
So come on, all you lucky lads, at ten o'clock she stops,  
For five short seconds remember Charlie Mopps.  
One, two, three, four, five.

You can talk about inventors of today being up to date.  
Our animated pictures and our photographs are great,  
But the greatest inventor of them all, to me is plain and clear,  
It's the one and only Charlie Mopps, the man who invented beer.

\* \* replace these with your own locals