

The Streets of Forbes

Collected from Mrs Ewell, Brisbane Qld by John Manifold and said to have been written by John McGuire, Ben's brother-in-law.

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Come - - all you Lach - lan men - - - - and a sor - row - ful tale I'll tell,

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Con - cern - ing of a her - o bold who through mis - fort - une fell.

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His name it was Ben Hall - - , a man of good re - - nown,

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Who was hunt - ed from his sta - tion - - and - - like a dog shot - - down.

Three years he roamed the roads and he showed the traps some fun.
A thousand pounds was on his head with Gilbert and Jack Dunne.
Ben parted from his comrades the outlaws did agree
To give away bushranging and to cross the briny sea.

Ben went to Goobang Creek and that was his downfall
For wounded like a sieve was valiant Ben Hall.
'Twas early in the morning upon the fifth of May
When the seven police surrounded him as fast asleep he lay.

Billy Dargin he was chosen to shoot the outlaw dead.
The others then fired madly and filled him full of lead.
They rolled him in his blanket and strapped him to his prad
And they led him through the streets of Forbes to show the prize they had.