

How Can I Smile When I'm Lonely

Slim Dusty

I gaze at the stars for the story,
Of my broken melody,
My heart is veiled in sorrow,
For the joys I once did see.

I wandered far from the bushland,
To the city and it's ways,
But found that reckless rambling,
Seldom if ever pays.

Returned to find that my sweetheart,
Who thought we loved in vain,
Has fallen in love with another,
And so she took his name.

I know now that I loved her,
But I stayed away too long,
Oh how can I smile when I'm lonely,
When the girl I loved is gone.

I've roamed around the homestead,
Through the hills and o'er the plain,
And dreamed where we rode together,
Where we'll never ride again.

I gazed through tears and moonlight,
At the gumtrees all the way,
Where we carved our hearts together,
In that happy yesterday.

The moon no more is smiling,
And the birds have hushed their song,
Oh how can I smile when I'm lonely,
When the girl I loved is gone.