Just a saddle for my pillow and a blanket for my bed A swagwrap underneath me and place to rest my head With the bright stars up above me and the night sounds all around

Hear the tinkle of the horse bells before they're bedded down

Life then was pretty simple and my needs were very few Just a good horse underneath me and the friends that I once knew

Though my clothes were worn and dusty and my boots down at the heel

I was always proud of what I was and it's still the way I feel

Down a stock route in the cold and rain, the heat, the dust and sand

Those old drovers don't exist no more and it's hard to understand

Hear the heavy roar of diesels of the road trains where we rode

there's no stock route where it used to be just a winding blacktop road

The stories those old timers told in the campfires $\ensuremath{\operatorname{\textsc{e}rie}}$ glow

Throwing shadows on their faces as they spoke in tones so low

Hear the howling of the dingoes and smell the gidgee after rain

Oh I'd give a lot to see and hear those old bush sounds again

But I've left it all behind me like a lot have done before

Our way of life's not good enough in this age of needing more

But the trusting hand of friendship in the old days was so real

I was always proud of what I was and it's still the way I feel yeah

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