

## The Birdsville Track

Slim Dusty

Way out in heartbreak corner in Australia's far outback  
The desert broods its secrets along the Birdsville  
track

A family came and perished oh what a tragic end  
That fierce relentless desert has claimed so many men

I've learned how thirst can craze the mind in cruel  
heat outback  
And I grieve for that poor family along the Birdsville  
track  
The great white ball of fire rode o'er the cloudless  
dome  
And scorched all living creatures upon the sand and  
stone

Way out in heartbreak corner they went and ne'er came  
back  
And another story's buried there along the Birdsville  
track

Then twilight fell with calmness as silent as a tomb  
And phantom streams reflected the rising of the moon  
The days and nights that followed brought panic and  
despair  
And blinding sandstorms raged as though to drown a  
mother's prayer

Then demons of the desert came to claim their tortured  
minds  
And searching bushmen came too late and read the tragic  
signs  
And now beside a coolabah where desert grasses wave  
The brumby stallion leads his mob to skirt the new made  
graves

Way out in heartbreak corner they went and ne'er came  
back  
May twilight bring them peace at night along the  
Birdsville track

The dingoes howl so dismally the lonely curlews cry  
As though in deepest mourning for those poor souls who  
died  
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Oh the desert broods its secrets along the Birdsville  
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